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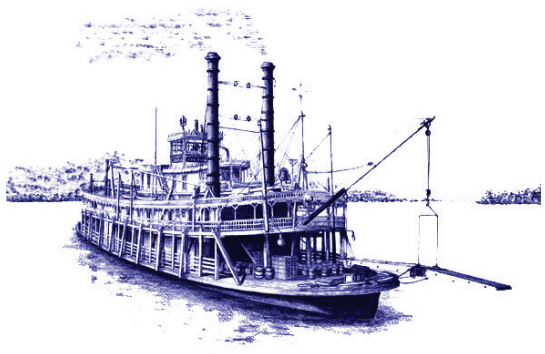

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Employee 'very critical' after Monday explosion

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison Police are investigating an explosion that took place at Midwest Tube Mills, 2855 Michigan Road, on Monday afternoon on Madison's hilltop.

According to Madison Police Chief John Wallace, at 1:36 p.m. an acetylene tank exploded for unknown reasons in a "welding maintenance area" injuring an employee who was working in the area.

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Community Crossings to fund more than $2M in road projects

BY BOB DEMAREE

More that $2 million in Community Crossings funds have been awarded for street and road improvements in Jefferson and Switzerland counties in an announcement made Friday by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb and officials from the Indiana Department of Transportation.

A total of $1 million was awarded to Jefferson County which county highway superintendent Bobby Phillips said will be utilized for asphalt work on several roads throughout the county.

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Veterans Day events are set

A number of program and events recognizing and honoring local veterans have been scheduled Thursday through next week in conjunction with the Veterans Day federal holiday on Friday and actual Veteran's Day on Saturday.

Here is a list of the event in Jefferson County:

• Canaan Community Academy, 8775 North Canaan Main Street in Canaan, will have a Veterans Day program at 9 a.m. on Thursday. All veterans welcome.

• Madison Consolidated High School's Veterans Day program and breakfast will be Friday with breakfast from 7 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. in the auxiliary gym with a program beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Connor K. Salm Gymnasium. The community is invited.

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ELECTION DAY CLOSINGS

City of Madison and Jefferson County governmental offices will be closed today, Nov. 7, for election day. The City of Madison's transfer station will be open and trash, recycle and compost services will run as scheduled. Town of Hanover offices will be open today.

Madison schools are considering adding Esports curriculum at MJHS

BY BOB DEMAREE

The Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees is expected to decide on Wednesday whether to add an Esports curriculum at Madison Junior High School.

Board members, at their work session on Thursday, heard a presentation about the benefits of the Esports curriculum for Madison Consolidated Schools students from Janet McCreary, director of curriculum, instruction and assessment, and Madison Junior High School Principal Jordan Warner.

If the program receives approval, plans are to begin offering that curriculum in January.

An Esports curriculum would be developed initially only as an elective for the junior high while providing clubs at both the junior high and high school. Space for Esports would be established at the junior high school in a room that has previously served as a computer lab.

Esports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition involving video gaming. However, McCreary said the curriculum is not about games, but developing career pathways for students while in school similar to what's being done through Cub Industries, the work-based learning program at Madison Consolidated High School.

As part of the process in considering development of an Esports curriculum for Madison Consolidated Schools, McCreary said, "We were able to take up trip up to Butler (University) and experience the Esports program" that was started there a few years ago. "It was very beneficial and I think it really opened my eyes to possibilities of what this can offer to our students beyond just getting them interested in creating a club and some electives. It's bigger than attracting students. It's bigger than just providing an opportunity for students that normally wouldn't be involved in a team atmosphere."

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MADHOP MUSIC

Photos by Bob Demaree

The Whiskey Bent Valley Boys performed at Thomas Family Winery during Saturday's MadHop music festival that included performances by more than 30 bands/and musicians all over downtown Madison.

The Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers brought gospel music to Madison City Hall during Saturday's MadHop music festival. The city building along with several other venues provided multiple acts simultaneously as more than 30 groups and soloists performed.

Folksinger, songwriter, musician and comedian Steve Poltz entertained at the tent stage with both music and humorous stories at Saturday's MadHop music festival.

Banjo player Mike Oberst performs as one the street buskers during Saturday's MadHop music festival in downtown Madison.

Singer/songwriter Matthew Williams, of Hanover, brought entertainment to Main Street as one the buskers performing during Saturday's MadHop music festival.

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MPD arrests 3 in separate narcotics cases

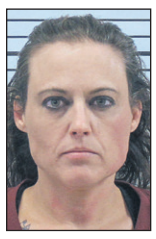
BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison Police executing a traffic stop for an alleged traffic and equipment violations on Thursday ended up arresting a Louisville woman and an Austin women on various drug charges stemming from a search of the vehicle.

Madison Patrolman Curtis Shelpman executed the traffic stop in the 400 block of Clifty Drive on a vehicle driven by Ashley Oblak.

While Shelpman investigated the equipment violation and traffic violation, Jefferson County Deputy Logan Gray and his K-9 partner, Lykin, responded to the scene and the dog conducted an open-air sniff around the exterior of Oblak's vehicle, giving a positive indication for the presence of narcotics.

Richard William Stokes



Ashley D. Oblak

Elizabeth A. Smith

During a subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle, officers located methamphetamine, marijuana and paraphernalia associated with the use of drugs.

Oblak, 38, of Louisville and a passenger in the vehicle, Elizabeth A. Smith, 55, of Austin, Indiana, were both taken into custody and lodged in the Jefferson County Jail.

Smith faces preliminary charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Oblak faces preliminary charges of Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Smith remains incarcerated on a $1,000 cash bond while Oblak was released Thursday on her own recognizance.

Shelpman was assisted by Gray and MPD Capt. Season Jackson and Patrolman Andrew Gibbs.

On Friday, Nov. 3, Madison Police arrested a Madison man, Richard W. Stokes, 64, for narcotic possession.

MPD K-9 Officer Trent Smith executed a traffic stop for a traffic and equipment violation on a vehicle driven by Stokes on Michigan Road near Ivy Tech Drive. Stokes was arrested after officers, during their investigation, allegedly located methamphetamine in Stokes' vehicle and on his person.

Stokes was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Jefferson County Jail, where he is being held without bail facing a preliminary charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.

Smith was assisted by MPD officers Shelpman and Jackson.

Mural project putting artistic touch on Carrollton buildings

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

From a floral scene on the side of a flower shop to a tobacco barn recognizing Carroll County's history in the burley industry and an iconic aerial photo of the Kentucky and Ohio rivers meeting at Point Park, decorative murals are adding an artistic touch to downtown Carrollton.

Sponsored by the Carrollton Main Street Program, the mural project is coordinated by Erica Bowers, the program's Design Committee chairperson, but created by local artists and photographers with the help of the high school art program.

"One of the things that I really wanted to do most was give back to the community, as they were so welcoming to me when I arrived here" Bowers, who has served on the Main Street Board since 2018, said.

Sam Burgess

The Carrollton Main Street program mural banner is shown at Maguana's Unique Gifts and Flowers with (from left) Maguana's owner Maguana Qualls, 16-year-old artist Brenna Mefford and Carroll County High School art teacher Jeremy Cobb.

Bowers said when she first began her role as Design Committee chair, Sam Burgess, director of the Main Street Program, provided her with information on state and national guidelines as well as Design Committee responsibilities. Understanding her job was just the beginning and she visited other communities like Shelbyville, Kentucky, to gain insight and ideas on other successful programs that could be implemented in Carrollton.

"They have a very active program," Bowers said, noting she enjoyed seeing Shelbyville's hanging murals and other projects and thought that would be a great project to pursue in Carrollton. When she recommended that to Burgess and the Carrollton Main Street board, she was given approval to proceed.

"I needed the right building to put the murals on," Bowers noted, adding that involved scouting the Main Street area and taking pictures of buildings that might work for murals. Each banner would require an open wall and approval from the building's owner.

Another step was getting the actual murals approved. "I had to go through the Carrollton Design and Review Board and the Carrollton City Council before I could proceed," Bowers said. In the end, both the board and the council approved.

The first mural selected was a painting by artist Cookie Louden of a tobacco barn, which was chosen based on Carrollton's long history in the burley tobacco history as a tobacco producer and former market and processor.

After that, Bowers worked with Maguana Qualls, owner of Maguana's Unique Gifts and Flowers, to come up with a mural idea for the flower

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.
Sunset: 5:36 p.m.
Temperature: High 74, Low 48, Mean 61.0, Excess 11.9
Precipitation since last published: .74
Precipitation, November 2023: 0
Precipitation, 2023: 43.01
Barometer: 29.91, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.87, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy 76/Low 57; Thursday: Partly cloudy High 62/Low 43; Friday: Cloudy High 55/Low 35.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 3-7-11-24-26-45 (11/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: $42.4 million. Next Drawing (11/8).

Cash Five: 15-26-32-35-37 (11/5)

Cash 4 Life: 19-24-33-47-54 CB: 3 (11/5)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 10-12-26-33 CB 5 (11/5)

Kentucky 5 Extra: 4-5-21-32-38 (11/5)

Lucky For Life: 1-13-32-45-48 LB: 14 (11/5)

MEGAMILLIONS: 15-32-38-47-65 MB: 12, MP x4 (11/3). Next Jackpot: $196 million. Next Drawing (11/7)

POWERBALL: 1-28-30-34-52 PB: 6, PP 2 (11/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: $179 million. Next Drawing (11/6)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 5-15-22-47-66 PB: 26 (11/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (11/6)

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David Carlow
Debbie Perry

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

Lodgings

November 2, 2023

- Todd Michael Black Jr., 38, Madison, for Criminal Mischief and Public Intoxication by Alcohol/Drugs, both Class B misdemeanors. No bond.
- Elizabeth A. Smith, 55, Scottsburg, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, both Level 6 felonies; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $1,000 cash.

November 3, 2023

- Richard William Stokes, 64, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. No bond.
- Sterling Allen Ogden, 35, Hanover, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant for failure to appear. Bond $1,000 cash.
- James William Craig, 30, Madison, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 6 felony; Criminal Recklessness, a Class B misdemeanor; and Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.
- Matthew K. Bennett, 38, North Vernon, Indiana, for Domestic Battery, a Level 5 felony; and Criminal Confinement and Communication Intimidation, both Level 6 felonies. No bond.

November 4, 2023

- Leslie Jean Lewis, 38, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony; and Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
- Anna Morris, 28, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
- Bethany L. Stenger, 40, Madison, on an Indiana Department of Correction parole violation for Theft, a Level 6 felony; Theft, a Class A misdemeanor; and False Identity Statement, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond $1,005 cash.
- Iris Elaine Winters, 31, Madison, to serve two days jail, concurrent, on weekend sentencing. No bond.
- Kole Kristopher Woodfill, 24, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

November 5, 2023

- Amy Renee Cosby, 44, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings

November 1, 2023

- Dalton Michael Simmonds, 29, Madison, found guilty of Murder, a Level 1 felony; Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon, a Level 4 felony; and Obstruction of Justice and Cruelty to an Animal, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 62 years at Indiana Department of Correction for Murder, 9 years for Firearm Possession; and 2 years each for Obstruction of Justice and Animal Cruelty plus a habitual offender enhancement of 15 years for an aggregate sentence of 81 years, fully executed. Defendant advised of appellate rights with counsel appointed for appellate purposes. Sentences ordered to run concurrent with unrelated sentence in a Washington County case.
- Breanna Nicole Hensley, 28, Madison, for an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine 10-28 grams, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 4 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 15 days served and balance suspended to supervised probation plus $889 in fees and court costs.
- Matthew Peter Redd, 37, Madison, to an amended charge of Voluntary Manslaughter, a Level 2 felony. Sentenced to 30 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 354 days served plus $289 in fees and court costs.
- William Scott Cox, 44, Madison, to an amended charge of Battery Against a Public Safety Official, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 2 1/2 years at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 176 days served and balance suspended to supervised probation consecutive to prior sentences. Defendant to serve probation at Jefferson House and complete any and all required programming plus pay $289 in fees and court costs plus child support and restitution for previously unpaid child support.
- Bruce Shane Jaynes, 52, Deputy, Indiana, for Operating While Intoxicated as a Habitual Traffic Violator; a Level 6 Felony; Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days served and 728 days suspended to supervised probation plus $489.50 in fees and court costs.
- Jordan David Long, 20, Lexington, Indiana, to an amended charge of Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 277 days served and 730 days suspended to supervised probation consecutive to prior sentence in unrelated case plus $289 in fees and court costs and restitution to be determined. No Contact Order to continue as a term of probation.
- Tyler Wayne Dukes, 35, Madison, to an amended charge of Battery Against a Public Safety Officer, a Level 6 felony, with Habitual Felony Offender Enhancement. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction enhanced by 730 days with credit for 400 days served and 730 days suspended to supervised probation plus $389 in fees and court costs.
- Robbie Joe Siewert, 57, Nabb, Indiana, to an amended charge of Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 352 days served plus $389 in fees and court costs.
- Tommy R. Gosman, 50, Hanover, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 116 days served and 614 days suspended to supervised probation plus $889 in fees and court costs.

November 2, 2023

- Freda Dawn Davis, 48, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. Sentenced to 9 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 105 days served with 3 years served on home detention and six years served on supervised probation plus $889 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson County

November 2, 2023

- Marshall Farm LLC to Marshall Farm LLC, 169 acres at 8175 West New Bethel Road, Lexington.
- Jennifer A. Schoch to Jeffrey P. Frazier, 122 Elmhurst Drive, Madison.
- Howard Shipman Sr. and Wayne Meadows (estate) to B&K Assets LLC, 1435 Crozier Avenue, Madison.
- Rick T. Nelson to Timothy L. Boldery, 11449 West 410 North, Deputy.
- Timothy L. Boldery to Jared C. Sinkes, 11449 West 410 North, Deputy.
- Donald Carpenter and Brenda Talley to Home Bridge Real Estate LLC, 2.298 acres at 1023 North Thomas Drive, Deputy.
- Maria Morrison to Rodney Cole Webster, 211 Sycamore North Drive, Hanover.
- Pettit Properties LLC to D. Wolf Enterprises LLC, 780 Gerry Lane, Madison.
- Mary L. Behne to Mary L. Behne and Denise Behne, 589 Hickory Drive, Hanover.
- Tammy Hyatt Geyman and Tammy Geanieve Geyman to Tammy Geanieve Geyman, 3189 North Old State Road 62, Madison.
- Sallies by the Shore LLC to Kenneth GW MacKinlay and Carolina C. MacKinlay, 1328 West Second Street, Madison.

November 3, 2023

- Nicholas R. Perry, Christopher D. Perry and Lisa A. Perry to Nicholas Robert Perry, 251 Hickory Drive, Hanover.

Developer closes on property for DG Market in downtown Madison

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Paperwork has been signed making it official that the former Ruler Foods building in downtown Madison will become a new Dollar General (DG) Market grocery sometime next year.

Last week, the final paperwork was completed for the purchase of property from the city by Rafferty Development LLC for the downtown grocery store building that has been vacant since Ruler Foods closed March 31, 2018.

"This project has really been a labor of love for several years," said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney. "Welcoming a grocery store into downtown Madison has been a goal of this administration from the very beginning, and closing on the property today marks a huge step forward in a multi-million dollar capital investment for our local community. This grocery store will significantly elevate the quality of life for our downtown and greater Madison area residents."

The developers estimate construction will begin on the new DG Market property in early December with expectation that the doors will open for business by early June 2024, according to a press release from the city of Madison.

Handout

A design concept on what the proposed Dollar General (DG) Market grocery might look like in downtown Madison. Rafferty Development LLC closed on the buying the property from the city of Madison last week and construction to renovate the building is expected to begin in early December with completion by early June 2024.

Courtney said the work by Rafferty Development LLC to develop the building into a DG Market will "be a major investment" that will include modernizing the front of a building that has stayed essentially the same for decades.

Meanwhile, the city will begin improving the parking lot on the east side of the building in the coming weeks and will complete agreed upon infrastructure improvements by the store's opening date.

Rafferty Development LLC will be responsible for the renovations (based on approved renderings) as well as incorporating public arts into the project. In addition to the parking lot work, the city is coordinating sidewalk and street improvements throughout the Mulberry Arts Corridor and Second Street, which will include lighting, new sidewalks, newly paved roads, and planting trees and flowers.

The site has served as a grocery for decades. There was a Kroger on the site for nearly 30 years until 1979 when Kroger moved to the hilltop. A JayC Foods Store grocery took over the building in 1980 and remained there until closing Jan. 29, 2011. The building then housed the Ruler Foods grocery from Feb. 8, 2011 until March 31, 2018.

MCS holds hearing on collective bargaining agreement

BY BOB DEMAREE

A public hearing on a tentative collective bargaining agreement with the Madison Teachers Association was held at a special meeting of the Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees on Thursday that would provide a one-time $2,000 teacher appreciation stipend for the 2023-2024 school year.

The only other portion of the teachers contract that was adjusted in negotiations was the extra-curricular activity (ECA) schedule that was updated to meet the current needs in which 28 no longer needed positions were eliminated with 33 new positions added for a net gain of five ECA positions at a cost of $8,640 for the additional positions.

"We had a diverse committee work on that ECA schedule for months last spring to create a more equitable and fair scale," said Madison Consolidated Schools superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown.

The contract is expected to be ratified at Wednesday's regular school board meeting.

BPWS reports blight elimination efforts showing progress

BY BOB DEMAREE

A report on Madison's efforts toward blight elimination at Monday's Board of Public Works and Safety (BPWS) meeting indicated that about two-thirds of the city's blight cases are being resolved by the property owners.

"I am happy that 75% of the abatements have been voluntary, and the hard labor comes into the 25%. That's where the heavy lifting is," said Mayor Bob Courtney.

"I have tried to do outreach and educate folks, and owner abatement is clearly there," said Duane "Duey" O'Neal, the city's code enforcement officer.

So far this year there have been 302 nuisance violations — 33% less than last year's overall total of 448 — but there has been a significant increase in abandoned vehicles — 70 so far this year compared to just eight last year.

All other areas of reported blight have seen declines including: grass and weeds, 146 cases last year compared to 94 so far this year; unclean/disorderly premises, 52 last year to 39 so far this year; neglected properties, 21 last year with 15 so far this year; trash/junk/fire hazard, 75 last year to 65 so far this year; and the other category, 35 last year to19 so far this year.

"You are having an impact," Courtney told O'Neal, noting that 2022 was the first full year of emphasis on blight elimination with work toward "educating and dealing with the neglected properties."

O'Neal also provided an update on the city's efforts at Moody Park trailer park, that had been deemed unsafe and dangerous by the city building inspector. The BPWS voted in April to order demolition and removal of seven trailers, but a court appeal was filed to stop that action. City attorney Joe Jenner said the case is now going through the legal process. He said a court date has been set for Dec. 11 but added that "court dates don't always hold true."

On Oct. 12, there was a meeting with Mike Mettler, director of Environmental Public Health for the state of Indiana, about the Moody Park property. On Oct. 26, Courtney sent a letter to Mettler, stating the city's position with regard to safety concerns with the trailer park, also called 421 Mobile Home Park.

Meanwhile, continued efforts towards eliminating blight will result in additional rounds of the city's Preservation and Community Enhancement (PACE) Grant Program in 2024 to fund the rehabilitation of dilapidated and dangerous structures. Efforts will also involve reviewing statutes and ordinances for ways to improve processes and to more effectively address vacant and abandoned structures, along with improving use of fines and penalties to motivate property owners to address abatement requirements.

"It's an important initiative. It takes a lot of resources in some of these really long term chronic problems that have been allowed to exist for a really long time throughout the city," said Courtney. "We're continuing to make progress on all fronts."

Board member David Carlow said he's seen progress in the city's efforts to reduce blight. "As you drive around town, and see the improvement, it's visible."

In a related matter, Courtney announced the hiring of Bryan Shaw as the city's new building inspector to replace Landon Ralston, who resigned earlier this year. Shaw, a Madison resident, had been working in construction in Louisville. His first day on the job was Monday, Oct. 23.

In other business, the BPWS:

• Approved a resolution to accept the transfer of Sunrise Crossing Boulevard from the Madison Plaza Group to the city of Madison. Tony Steinhardt, the city's director of economic development, said Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz Inc. (JTL), the city's engineering firm, has reviewed the construction work and did an inspection, and gave its approval pending completion of some punch list items. "I'm very pleased to see that we're at this point. After literally 15 months of construction, we now have all four national retailers open at the Shoppes of Sunrise Crossing, and part of the deal was the boulevard," said Courtney. "Just a beautiful work that's creating a destination around the area."

• Approved two disbursement requests from the city's SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan for the water infrastructure project — $62,320.92 for Commonwealth Engineers and $289,458 for Brackney Inc. that's doing the water main replacements in the distribution system. Additionally, a change order was approved totaling $19,320.69 for Dave O'Mara Contractor for improvements at the city's existing water treatment facilities and booster bump stations. The change order was for additional needed repairs on the west end booster pump and a material cost increase on 12-inch PRV material. In addition, the city will upgrade an access drive at the new chlorination building at the former JPG water treatment plant, 1245 West Main Street. Jackson said the upgrade from gravel to paving is needed because equipment will need to be moved in and out of the plant on a regular basis.

Utilities superintendent Brian Jackson said what's mostly completed are the East Street upgrades, the Sunrise addition and Hillcrest Drive with all just a few details to go. He said surface restoration still needs to be done on the Franks Drive water lines and a water main needs to be installed on Flint Street.

• Approved a PACE midpoint award of $12,500 for 623 Broadway Street, a dilapidated structure owned by Julie Brown with an overall award total of $25,000. Approved final PACE awards all at $7,500 to 103 East Main Street, owned by Friends of the Ohio Theatre Inc. for window restoration and tuck pointing; 134 East Main Street, which is Mary's Shear Perfection owned by John and Mary Kelley Jr. for tuck pointing and painting, and 315 Mill Street, owned by Tim and Bipes for $7,500 for the replacement of 16 windows. Additionally, a one year extension until Nov. 21, 2024, to Kathryn Rutherford for the work on the doors at 423 West Main Street, due to delays by the contractor.

• Deputy Mayor Mindy McGee said most of the paving work from the city's Community Crossings grant fund has started on Blackmore Street with new curbs and gutters that are anticipated to help with drainage issues there. Work is next expected to begin next week on Cragmont Street on the hilltop with work moving to specific downtown streets in the spring.

• Approved a handicap parking space request by Diana P. Somers at her residence at 512 East Vaughn Drive to be on St. Michaels Avenue between the alley and Vaughn Drive under the Maple tree.

Jefferson County Commissioners approve employee insurance updates

BY BOB DEMAREE

Improvements to county employees' health insurance were approved by the Jefferson County Commissioners at their meeting Thursday.

Chad Burdo and Ryan Secord, representing Henriott Group, the new health insurance brokers for Jefferson County government, were at the meeting to recommend updates to new employee insurance coverage effective Jan. 1.

With the county's dental insurance coverage currently with MetLife, Burdo said other insurance plans, including vision, will also be moved from other carriers to MetLife.

On the medical insurance, Burdo recommended a consortium model in which he said there are programs that mitigate high cost claims. Additionally, the health coverage is designed to reduce employee contribution for family plans by $351 per pay period. Burdo said currently the employee contribution for family coverage is very expensive, making it difficult for the county to retain employees with families or recruit employees that need family coverage.

Burdo said there has been some consideration by the town of Hanover to join the county's insurance plan. He said the town currently is contracting for its own insurance for about 13 employees. Before adding Hanover to the county's health plan, Burdo said evaluations will be done to insure that does not bring in any debt risk from existing issues that would negatively affect the county's medical coverage.

To do that Burdo said employees enrolled with Hanover's health insurance are being asked to complete medical questionnaires. If the result of those questionnaires is good, they will ask for approval to join the county's plan. Should that occur, Hanover will pay its portion of the costs even though the plan will be with the county. Having more people enrolled in the county plan, should eventually provide for a reduction in cost for all.

In other business:

• County Building Inspector Josh Cline presented information on instances of two unsafe buildings. One is a property at 3495 North Paper Mill Road that's owned by MLP Services LLC of Clifton, Ohio, which that company's attorney responded with a letter requesting they be given until March 31, 2024, to clean up the site. Cline said there is a dilapidated house "that's caving in" with a garage with junk and a few dead trees. "I think it would be the county's best interest to let them clean that up. It's less of an expense that way" for the county, said Cline. A public hearing to followup on the progress was scheduled for the Thursday, April 4, Commissioners meeting.

Cline also discussed two properties owned by Arlie Colvin in Kent — 8225 West Kent State Road 256 and 8231 West Kent State Road 256 — that were destroyed by fire in November 2022. Arlie Colvin II was at the meeting, asking to have until May to clean the property up, because he is waiting for settlement money from his insurance provider. "My goal is to get it done faster. When I get the funding, if I'm able to, I will get it done" but he's not sure how the winter months might impact the amount of cleanup that's able to be accomplished. "I'm at your mercy," he said.

"The thing we want to see is that you're going to make some effort to clean it up," Commissioner David Bramer said. He presented a plan for the cleanup and asked that Commissioners be updated on any challenges that are encountered. A public hearing on the matter will be held at the Thursday, Dec. 7, Commissioners meeting.

• Approved a county investment policy that was requested by County Treasurer Meghan Hoskins in consideration of investing funds to earn the county additional money. Hoskins said that "to my knowledge there hasn't been any investment since 2015 and 2016, so I'm anxious to do a little something for the county." Hoskins said she came across a certificate of deposit (CD) that matured in 2016.

• Tricia Parker, director of the Jefferson County Animal Shelter, said the Mix family held a fundraiser for the animal shelter in memory of their daughter, Shawna May Mix, who died two years ago. A total of $3,093 in cash was raised and $600 to $800 in dog food, cat food and cat litter. "I want to thank them for that and for honoring the animals with their daughter's memory," Parker said. With the money, Parker wants to purchase storage cabinets to help with the lack of storage at the animal shelter.

• Held the first reading of a credit card policy ordinance for use of the county's credit card.

• County Surveyor Mike Pittman reminded that a public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, on updates to the Jefferson County Unified Development Ordinance.

• County Auditor Heather Huff reminded that 2024 trash cards are being sold at trash sites — Deputy, Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Dupont, Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Rykers Ridge, Thursday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Canaan, Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Brooksburg from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cards were sold at the Chelsea/Saluda Township trash site on Monday. Trash cards cost $50.

OBITUARIES

MSG James Christopher Lasher

MSG James Christopher Lasher, age 48, of Underwood, Indiana entered this life on November 24, 1974, in Fullerton, California. He was the loving son of Lee A. and Patricia Marie Lantin Lasher. He was raised in Parsippany, New Jersey and graduated in 1993 from Parsippany Hills High School. He then attended Rutgers University to study ceramic engineering for the next three and a half years. James was united in marriage to Martha Anne Wehrle on May 23, 1998, in Millburn, New Jersey. This happy union of 25 years was blessed with four daughters, Megan, Gleeda, Miranda and Miriah.

James worked in the retail industry for several years, including serving as manager of an Eddie Bauer Store. He and Martha moved to Brownstown, Indiana in 1999 where James served as the program director for Camp Pyoca until 2001. He enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard on August 8, 2003, and served for twenty years, including participating in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He earned the rank of Sergeant First Class, and has been posthumously promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. MSG Lasher was currently serving in the 219th Engineer Brigade at the Johnson County Armory. He had been awarded and received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, the NATO Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

James had become an Eagle Scout with the Boys Scouts of America. He had been supporting his wife with her non-profit Organization, "Cloud of Witness Equine Assistance Services" for the past two years. The two of them also hosted students with the Foreign Exchange Program on several occasions. He was a member of the Lexington Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Indiana. His greatest joy in life was being a father and grandfather to his daughters and grandchildren. He also took great pride and satisfaction in training. mentoring and working with the young men and women who served in his National Guard unit. He loved the outdoors, camping, horseback riding, and riding roller coasters.

MSG James Lasher died on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

MSG Lasher will be missed by his loving wife of 25 years, Martha Anne Wehrle Lasher of Underwood, IN; his four daughters, Megan Lasher of Scottsburg, Gleeda Lasher and her fiancée, Joel Hadley, II of North Vernon, Miranda Lasher of Bloomington, Miriah Lasher and her fiancée, Kevin Wright, of Monroe, NC; his grandchildren Jailyn, Joceyln, Cameron, Carmen, Amia, Mallory, Kaleia, and Kyler; his father and stepmother, Lee A. and Ellen Lasher of Midlothian, VA; his brother, Mike Lasher of Stanhope, NJ; his sister-in-law, Kathy Cooke-Lasher of Stanhope, NJ; his brother-in-law, Charles Wehrle of Sayreville, NJ; his brother-in-law, John Wehrle, and his wife, Cathy, of Sayreville, NJ.; his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Gerchman, and her husband, Mark, of Old Forge, PA; his uncle, Richard Lasher of N.C.; his nieces and nephews, Alexa (Kaitlyn), Griffin, Rebecca, Morgan, Taylor, Jordan, Aaron, Ryan, and Deanna; several cousins and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Marie Lantin Lasher, his father-in-law, Charles Wehrle, and his mother-in-law, Claire E. Wehrle.

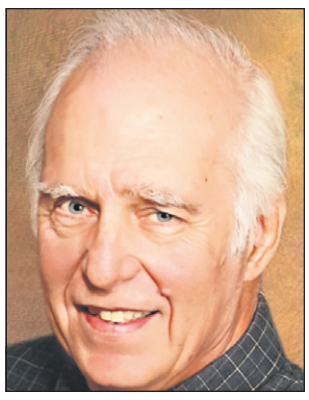
Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Aaron Flucke and Colonel (RET) Jim Staggers at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison.

Friends may visit Wednesday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Thursday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by his fellow comrades with the United States Army Ceremonial Unit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cloud of Witness Equine Assistance Services or the Indiana National Guard Emergency Relief Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Alexander Paul Nemeth



Alexander Paul Nemeth, age 81, of Madison, Indiana, entered this life on November 18, 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the loving son of the late Alexander Charles and Rose Levacinsky Nemeth. Alex was raised in Pennsylvania and graduated from Dell Halls High School. He then attended The College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas and received his Bachelor of Arts degree. He went on to receive his Masters of Teaching degree at Central State College in Edmond, Oklahoma. On May 25, 1963, Alex was united in marriage to Patricia Lee Hendricks. This happy union of 60 years was blessed with four children, Christine, Cathy, Paul, and Cori. Alex was first employed with Davenport High School in Davenport, Oklahoma as the band director from 1964 to 1968. In 1968, Alex began working for Holdenville High School in Holdenville, Oklahoma as the band director until 1978. In 1978, Alex and Pat moved their family to Madison, Indiana. Alex began working for Madison Consolidated Junior High as the band director until he retired in 1997. Alex was devoted to teaching music and made an impact on many lives. Alex was a collector of many things such as beer cans, coins and coffee cups. He had a green thumb and a house full of plants. He also had a passion for photography, playing tennis, traveling, camping, and being in nature. Alex was a very skilled craftsman and could build or fix anything. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church where he sang in the choir. He was a devoted husband, dad, and grandpa/pop-pop. Alex died on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 2:02 p.m. at his home in Madison, Indiana.

Alex will be missed by his loving wife, "Pat" Patricia Lee Hendricks Nemeth of Madison, IN; his daughters, Christine Nemeth Perry of Hanover, IN, Cathy Nemeth Fink of Hanover, and Cori Nemeth Williams (Mark) of Winter Haven, FL; his son, Paul Nemeth (Missy) of Pendleton, IN his grandchildren, Ashley Perry, Leslie DeLorenzo (Stephan), Jordan Perry (Victoria), Keely Kramer (Logan), Kiah Fink, Kaelin Fink, Kaid Fink, Payton Chelmella (Joseph), Logan Nemeth, Macy Nemeth, Zaden Nemeth, Ty Williams, Bryce Williams, and Brooke Williams; his great grandchildren, Sofia, Allie, Evelyn, Gideon, Audrey, Edison, Forrest, and Ily; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Alexander Charles Nemeth, his mother, Rose Levacinsky Nemeth, his sister, Constance Cook, his brother, Charles Nemeth, his son in law, Chris Edward Perry, and his great grandchild, Josiah Andrew DeLorenzo.

Mass of a Christian Burial will be conducted Friday, November 10, 2023, at 12 p.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street Madison. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery in Madison.

Friends may visit Friday from 10 a.m. — 12 p.m. at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Aimee Jo Ford Perry

Aimee Jo Ford Perry, age 50, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on May 23, 1973 in Madison, Indiana. She was the daughter of Ronald and Marcia Lynn Andrew Morgan. She resided all of her life in Madison and was a 1991 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. She then attended Sullivan University and received her degree as a professional nanny. She was a current pet groomer with Pawsibilities in Madison since 2006. Aimee dearly loved all animals and was a member of the Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs program. She was a faithful member of the Rykers Ridge Baptist Church and was baptized there. She had served as an EMT with Gallatin County EMS at the Kentucky Speedway. She was a gifted artist, loved to train dogs and teach children as well. She also enjoyed participating in the Jefferson County 4-H Dog Show and a member of South Paws and the South Paws Drill Team. Aimee loved camping, jeeping, and Jeep Fest. She was great at cake decorating, crafts, sewing, quilting, and loved her nieces. Aimee passed away on Saturday at the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky and her wish was to give the gift of life as an organ and tissue donor.

Aimee will be missed by her parents, Ronald and Marcia Lynn Andrew Morgan of Madison, IN; her brother, Corey Morgan of Madison; her sisters, Morgan "Tammy" Langley and her husband, Josh of Winter Garden, FL, Terri Waits and her family of Madison; her four legged family, Chrome, Quinn, and Oakley; her nieces, Skyla Morgan, Jadyn Langley, and Lyla Langley; her nephews, Sean Ross and Yadiel Negron; her grandma, Mary James of Madison; her aunt and uncle, Regina and Jerry Harmon; several other aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her grandpa, Clyde James, her grandparents, Randall T. Andrew and Bonita Roseberry Andrew, Kenneth and Nancy Morgan, her great grandparents, Ollie and Bessie Roseberry, Owen and Bessie McDole, Cecile and Leola Morgan.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 3 p.m., by Dr. Kevin Crouch at the Rykers Ridge Baptist Church, 2601 North Rykers Ridge Road near Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow later privately in the Moffett Cemetery in Milton, Kentucky.

Friends may visit Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 1 — 3 p.m. at the Rykers Ridge Baptist Church near Madison.

The family will gather for a celebration reception in the fellowship hall of the Rykers Ridge Baptist Church on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Aimee Perry Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Edna Marie Schmidt Sullivan Perry

Let Us Pause To Honor the Memory of Mrs. Edna Marie Schmidt Sullivan Perry

This tribute is in loving memory of Edna Marie Schmidt Sullivan Perry. Mama Edna was called to Heaven on October 31, 2023. She passed away peacefully at her home in Madison, Indiana at the age 95 years old. Edna's life was defined by her joy of living, her beautiful smile, and most of all her love and devotion to her family and friends. She was an avid bingo player, loved slot machines, and trips to the beach, music, working in her garden, and decorating for Christmas brought joy to her life. She also loved going out to eat, and an ice cold coca cola. Born on February 23, 1928 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of Julius F. Schmidt, Jr. and Della Mae Ferguson Schmidt. Edna was the seventh child of 11 brothers and sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings.

Edna was baptized in the Catholic faith at St. Michael Catholic Church in downtown Madison as were all of her brothers and sisters. Edna was first united in marriage to Frank R. Sullivan on August 17, 1946 and they shared 31 years of marriage together until his death January 20, 1977. Their union was blessed with two loving children, Sharon L. Sullivan Bushong and Robert F. Sullivan and both of them preceded her in death. In her golden years, Edna was blessed to find love again with Robert L. "Bob" Perry. They were married on February 14, 1995. The happy couple were together for 10 years until Bob's death on May 30, 2004. Earlier in life Edna was employed by the former Perry & Davis (Dunbar) Drug Store on West Main Street in downtown Madison. Later she would work for the City of Madison as the manager of the city campgrounds. She also owned and operated her own business the former "Sully's Pizza" on West Main Street, and worked at Hanover College in the cafeteria until her retirement.

Grandma Edna will be deeply missed by her granddaughter, Tina Bushong Shimfessel and her husband, Jack and their children, Megan Shimfessel Robbins and her husband, Thomas and their children, Brynna, Izzabella, and Pyper; Katie Shimfessel and her partner, Dustin and her son, Jaxson; her grandson Robert G. Bushong and his partner, Trish; Sue Bushong Canfield and her children, Allison Bushong and partner, Russell, Bryce Bushong and his partner, Kaylee; Robert Sullivan, Jr. and his partner, Ashley; Sonja Sullivan Mesawitz and her daughter, Brianna; Charlotte Hall and her grandchildren, Russell Sullivan, Jr. and Brooklyn Sullivan Kirby; several great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Julius Fredrick Schmidt; her mother, Della May Ferguson Schmidt; her daughter, Sharon Lee Sullivan Bushong; her son in law, Glen Allen Bushong; her son, Robert Franklin Sullivan, Sr.; her oldest grandson, Russell Wayne Sullivan; her sisters, Margaret Ellis, Verna Ellis, Mildred "Jean" Ferguson; Virginia Barnaby; Dorothy Schirmer; her brothers, James Elbert Schmidt, Julius F. Schimdt, Donald Jerry Schmidt, Raymond Schmidt; her husband, Robert Louis "Bob" Perry.

Edna's family will be having a celebration of life in the Spring. All family and friends will be invited.

Memorial and condolences can be sent to Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or online at www.morgan-nay.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Sandy Howard Boswell, 71, of Carrollton, KY, died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at Carroll County Memorial Hospital in Carrollton. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, with burial at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Sgt. Gary Lee Brumback, 71, of Nabb, IN, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at Baptist Health-Floyd in New Albany, IN. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Gordon Ray Craig, 71, of Switzerland County, IN, died Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, IN. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, in Eastview Cemetery ay Patriot, IN. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

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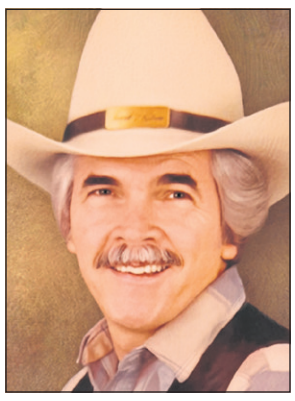
OBITUARIES

Donald Leroy Rivers



Donald Leroy Rivers, age 85, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on February 23, 1938 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He grew up and finished high school in the Indianapolis area at Newton High School. He was inducted into the United States Army on October 7, 1955 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He rose to the rate of Specialist 4 serving in Company A, 16th Signal Battalion after the Korean War era. He was honorably discharged on October 6, 1958 at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He was blessed with one daughter and four sons. On April 20, 1985 he married Ronda Kay Western in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was a computer draftsman and worked for PSI/CInergy for 16 years before retiring in 1996. He moved to Madison in 2011. He enjoyed music and loved playing the bass guitar. He also enjoyed target practice and tinkering on his guns. Don enjoyed his dogs and their companionship. He had modeled for L.S. Ayres and Block Department Stores in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Rykers Ridge Baptist Church and the Plainfield Masonic Lodge No. 653 F. & A.M. and the Plainfield Order of Eastern Star No. 414 in Plainfield, Indiana. Don died on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:10 p.m. at the Wedgewood Health Care Center in Clarksville, Indiana.

Donald will be missed by his loving wife, Ronda Kay Western Rivers of Madison, IN; his loving sons, Donald Leroy Jr. and his wife Jeanne Rivers of Ennis, TX, Darren Rivers of Ennis, TX, Dennis Rivers of Crawfordsville, IN, Daniel Rivers of Crawfordsville; his brother, Jerry Rivers of Indianapolis, IN; his sisters, Sue Larsen of FL, Patty Bowen and her husband Ron of Indianapolis; his step brother, Allen D. Blake and his wife, Susie of Brownsburg, IN; 16 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert W. Rivers; his mother, Nova Ellen Stinson Rivers Blake; his step father, George E. Blake; his step mother, Burnett Basey Rivers; his daughter, Beth Anne Rivers Ewing; his brothers, Robert Ronald Rivers, Michael E. Rivers, Sr.; his sisters, Martha Finn and Sandra J. "Sandy" Rivers England.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 11 a.m., conducted by Dr. Kevin Crouch at Rykers Ridge Baptist Church, 2601 North Rykers Ridge Road near Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison.

Friends may visit on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 4 — 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, and on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Rykers Ridge Baptist Church near Madison.

Hanover Masonic Lodge No. 652 F. & A.M. will conduct a Masonic service on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Rita Lynn Searcy Stout

Rita Lynn Searcy Stout, age 83, of Madison, Indiana formerly of Carrollton, Kentucky entered this life on April 21, 1940 in Carroll County, Kentucky. She was the loving daughter of the late Clifford Ingram and Olive Schirmer Searcy. After high school she attended University of Kentucky and earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Science. She married Michael Stout on November 1, 1958 in Carroll County, Kentucky and this happy union of 65 years was blessed with a son David. She resided in Carrollton until they moved to Madison in 1987. She was a teacher in the family consumer science department at the Madison Consolidated Junior High School for forty-two years, retiring in 2004. She was a very active member of the White's Run Christian Church from 1940-1987 and then with the North Madison Christian Church, the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association, the University of Kentucky Alumni Association, was past president and member of Carroll County Women's Club, and was secretary of the Carroll County Fair Board, and a board member of the Carroll County Memorial Hospital. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing, reading, collecting antiques, and watching sports. Rita was a devoted wife, loving mom, grandmother and friend. Rita died on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 5:30 a.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana.

Rita will be missed by her loving husband of 65 years, Michael Stout of Madison, IN; her loving son, David Michael Stout and his wife Kristin of Lexington, KY; her loving grandchildren, Brittany Nicole Stout, Jesse Michael Stout, and Camden David Stout; her brothers, Douglas P. Searcy and his wife Carol of Lexington, KY, William R. Searcy and his wife Jane of Fernandina Beach, FL; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Clifford Ingram Searcy, and her mother, Olive Schirmer Searcy.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 1 p.m., by Bro. Bob Hicks at the North Madison Christian Church, 1400 East State Road 62 in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the North Madison Christian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Madison Christian Church Building Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MUSIC CONCERT

Sol y Canto

Madison Performing Arts Series

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

413 East Second St.

Friday, Nov. 10 — 7 p.m

Sol y Canto, a nationally-touring and Boston Music Award winning Pan-Latin ensemble led by Puerto Rican/Argentine singer and bongo player Rosi Amador and New Mexican guitarist and composer Brian Amador, will perform at 7 p.m. on Friday at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second St., as part of the Madison Performing Arts Foundation series of concerts. They will be joined by cellist, Queralt Giralt. The event is free and open to the public.

GATHERINGS

IKE Retirees

Clifty Inn

Tuesday, Nov. 7

The retirees of Indiana Kentucky Electric Corporation will meet for a breakfast at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Clifty Inn in Clifty Falls State Park, Madison. All retirees and their guests are invited.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Noon to 1 p.m.

331 East Main St., Madison

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.

For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison

Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison

Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more info call 812-866-4843.

MADISON SENIOR EVENTS

Madison Senior Citizens Center

208 West Main Street

Senior Meals

Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals again at the Madison Senior Center starting in November on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is $6 and there will be a trial run on Oct 24.

Senior Dance

The City of Madison holds "family friendly" senior dances at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main Street, on Friday evenings beginning at 6 p.m. Cost is $6 per person. The band Nov. 10 is Nanny & Old Goats and Nov. 17 is Old School.

Game Days

The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.

NOTICES

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Janet Louise Bear Glesing, 78, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at River Terrace Health Campus in downtown Madison. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Dorothy Arlene Gray, 96, of Hanover, IN, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 at River Terrace Health Campus in downtown Madison. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Isaac Romans Jr., 96, of Milton, KY, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 at Baptist Health-Hardin in Elizabethtown, KY. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Walter Gene "Walt" Walker, 95, of Commiskey, IN, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 ,at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Warsaw, IN. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, IN, www.morga-nay.com.

EXPLOSION

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"It was a violent explosion," Wallace said. "The employee is in very critical condition." He said the worker was transported by ground ambulance to nearby Norton King's Daughter's Health on the Madison hilltop and flow by helicopter to the University of Louisville trauma center in Louisville.

Wallace said the explosion did not result in any fire and no other employees at the factory were injured since the victim was the only worker in the maintenance area where the tank exploded.

"He was in the room by himself but the incident had a traumatic impact on all the workers at the plant," Wallace said.

The name of the victim has not been identified pending notification of family and no updates are currently available on his condition.

Midwest Tube Mills, which was bought by U.S. Premier Tube Mills LLC, in January 2021, employed about 111 workers at the time of that acquisition.

SCHOOLS

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McCreary said Butler University offered a minor degree in Esports education, which she said is similar to a sports business minor. "There are over 200 college and universities that offer opportunities in Esports," she said, adding they range from large to small schools, and use the Esports curriculum towards developing students in business, journalism, broadcasting, production, promotion, marketing and entertainment.

"Nationwide data demonstrates increase grade point average, increased mental wellness and increased attendance," she said, adding that part of the program "would be a nutrition and wellness piece."

Warner said junior high students will be able to experience Esports both as an elective and as part of an after-school clubs that would provide opportunity for students to participate in competitions. "We are very hopeful this will not only keep kids in school but draw students from nearby schools around us."

McCreary used the example of four types of gaming categories that can be developed into careers — Strategists that include coaches and analysts, content creators that include software developers and journalists, organizers that include general managers and IT support, and entrepreneurs that include marketing and web developers.

Funding would come from ESSR III funds that have not yet been utilized estimated at $99,495.81. Shaun Pennington, the grants and compliance specialist for the school corporation, said that sounds like a lot money but Butler University spent $7.5 million on its Esports program. Pennington said the program can be done without spending those large sums of money while still making it a "state-of-the-art and professional Esports lab. Not because its the coolest, but also the most cost effective," while providing the same setup technologically as Butler, a NCAA Division I university. "Our kids will have a quality facility to walk into."

Warner said that considering the investment Butler made to its Esports program, "we didn't think could do it until we partnered with the same people who did Butler's, and they gave us a different price than we were anticipating. We thought we don't have $55 million. We were way in the wrong direction" in terms of cost, but still high quality.

Pennington said a federal grant exists to cover the cost of the curriculum and then to maintain the program. He recommended that updating of equipment be spaced out, similar to what the school corporation does in replacing Chromebooks and school buses, and by purchasing equipment in small increments, he said it would could provide that the "technology is always updated" while not touching the "bottom dollar of the corporation then we can build it out in a way that sustains itself as its only standalone program that never needs outside funding."

Warner said that going the curriculum route, with the program it manages as offered through the school, would ensure that it's not games that could have a negative impact. "For us when they're playing the curriculum part, it's actually designed for them to learn. They're going through the actual modules to collaboratively, strategically attack a piece of the game" to help them solve problems so they are learning while not even realizing it. Additionally, he said school staff will have options on what game pieces are selected and can accept or reject.

"I think it's going to reach a whole different kid than the typical sports program does. I think it's going to keep some kids engaged in school a lot more, especially when say, 'if you're not doing your math, if you're not doing your reading, you're not doing your English, you don't get to do this,' " board member Brian Armbrecht said. "And I think that's a great thing."

"I love the concept," board member John Wallace said. "We've got to think outside the box" in attracting students to Madison Consolidated Schools. "I feel your enthusiasm. It means a lot."

ROAD

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The City of Madison was awarded $350,007 to be used for paving on roads that have been impacted by Madison's current water infrastructure project. Streets included are East Street from Telegrah Hill Road to East Hill Road, Hillcrest Drive from Michigan Road to the end of street, Wildwood Drive from Hillcrest Drive to Maplewood Lane, Maplewood Lane from Hillcrest Drive to the end of the street, Hatcher Hill Road from Michigan Road to Sunrise Drive, Sunrise Drive from Hatcher Hill Road to Falls Boulevard, Fairway Drive from Sunrise Drive to Ridgewood Lane, Ridgewood Lane from Fairway Drive to Falls Boulevard, Falls Boulevard from Ridgewood Lane to Sunrise Drive, and Franks Drive all the way around beginning and ending at State Road 62/Clifty Drive.

Deputy Mayor Mindy McGee said the work will not include Flint Street which she said will be covered in the city's next Community Crossings application.

Switzerland County was awarded $553,298 that will be used to correct slippage on Plum Creek Road where the pavement has gradually washed away, according to highway clerk Carla Armstrong. The road was previously scheduled to be re-paved but that has been delayed until the road slippage can be corrected.

The town of Patriot will receive $110,914.27. Clerk-treasurer Linda Fisk said funds will be used to complete the town's five-year plan to pave all streets including portions of Second Street, Third Street and Front Street.

Cities, towns and counties from across northeast Indiana received portions of the $91.5 million awarded through the Community Crossings matching grant program, a component of Governor Holcomb's Next Level Roads program.

"Community Crossings continues to provide opportunities for Indiana local communities, large and small, to make connectivity and safety road improvements for Hoosier families and our visitors," Holcomb said. "The importance of this matching grant program is immediately obvious as we take our award-winning statewide infrastructure network to the next level."

EVENTS

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- Madison Elks Club is holding a veterans free breakfast for Veterans Day on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- American Legion Post No. 9 is holding a veterans free lunch on Veterans Day on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- VFW Post No. 1969 is holding a veterans free breakfast on Veterans Day on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- A Veterans Day Celebration will be held at Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall, 400 West Vaughn Drive (upstairs at the Crystal Beach pool house), Madison, at 4 p.m. on Saturday with free meal, music and fellowship.
- The town of Hanover will host a Veterans Day dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Hanover Community Building. There will be chili and sandwiches, a hot dog bar, desserts and drinks.
- All Indiana Department of Natural Resources properties will offer free admission to veterans and active duty military on Saturday.

CLOSINGS

Due to the Veterans Day holiday, all city of Madison, town of Hanover and Jefferson County government offices will be closed Friday. In Madison, the transfer station will also be closed, reopening Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be no mail delivery and all U.S. Post Offices will be closed Saturday, Nov. 11. The Jefferson County License Branch will also be closed Saturday.

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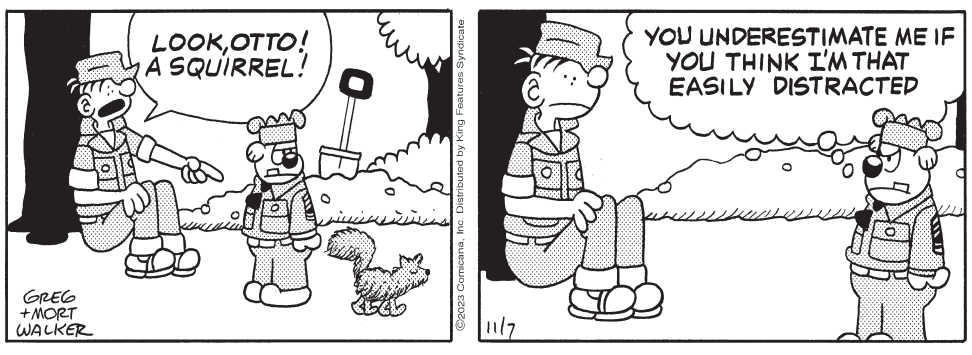
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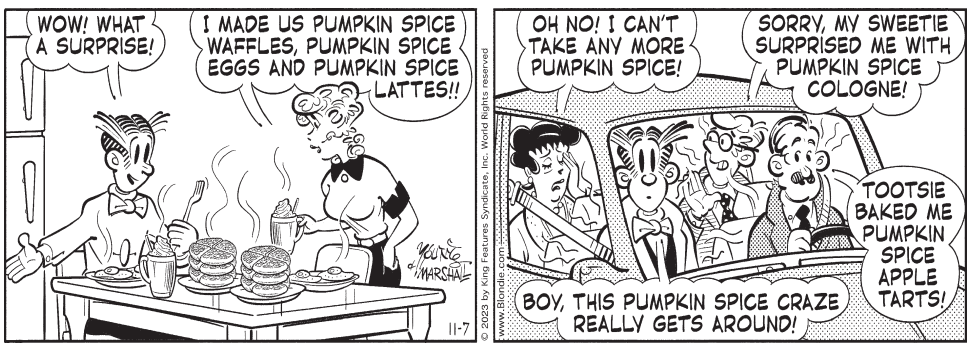
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I MADE US PUMPKIN SPICE WAFFLES, PUMPKIN SPICE EGGS AND PUMPKIN SPICE LATTES!!
YOUNG & MARSHALL
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OH NO! I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE PUMPKIN SPICE!
SORRY, MY SWEETIE SURPRISED ME WITH PUMPKIN SPICE COLOGNE!
TOOTSIE BAKED ME PUMPKIN SPICE APPLE TARTS!
BOY, THIS PUMPKIN SPICE CRAZE REALLY GETS AROUND!
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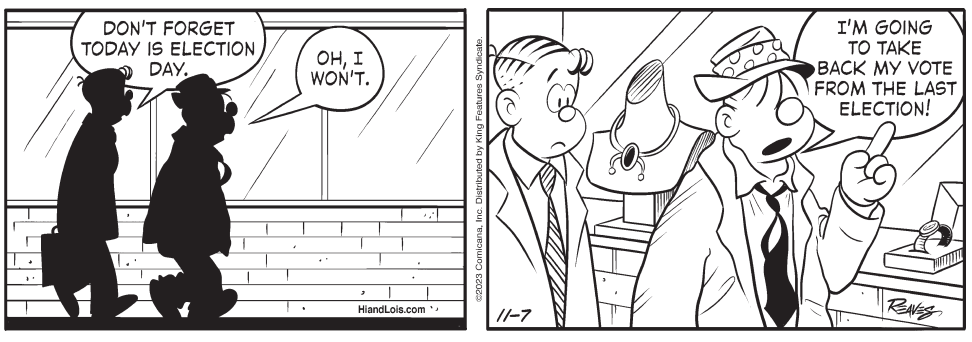
DON'T FORGET TODAY IS ELECTION DAY.
OH, I WON'T.
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I'M GOING TO TAKE BACK MY VOTE FROM THE LAST ELECTION!
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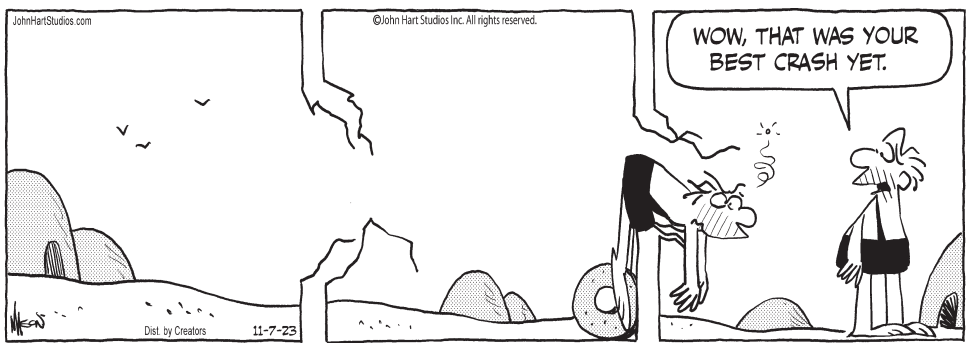

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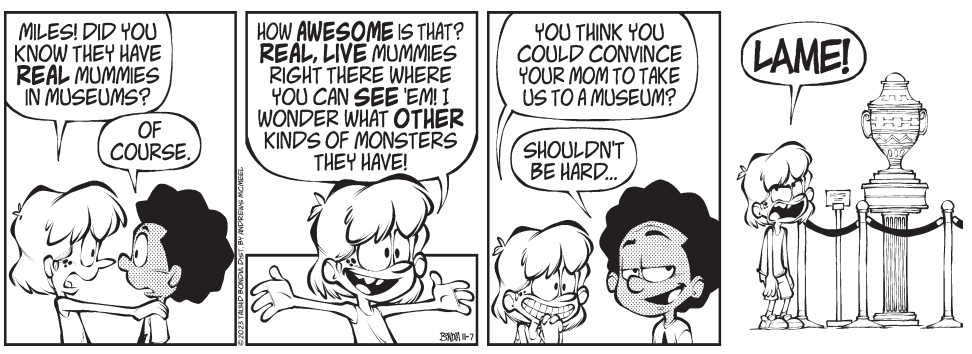
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OF COURSE.
HOW AWESOME IS THAT? REAL, LIVE MUMMIES RIGHT THERE WHERE YOU CAN SEE 'EM! I WONDER WHAT OTHER KINDS OF MONSTERS THEY HAVE!
YOU THINK YOU COULD CONVINCE YOUR MOM TO TAKE US TO A MUSEUM?
SHOULDN'T BE HARD...
LAME!
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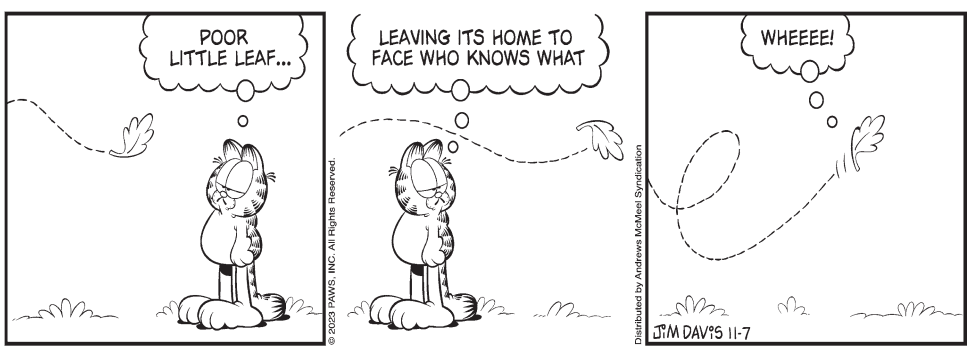
POOR LITTLE LEAF...
LEAVING ITS HOME TO FACE WHO KNOWS WHAT
WHEEEE!
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FORT KNOX

I NEED TO BORROW YOUR PHONE, JOE.
SURE, FRANK.
AFTER LOSING MY PHONE, I MISS THE ONE THING THAT MAKES ME HAPPY.
CHATTING WITH PEOPLE?
TAKING GOOFY SELFIES.
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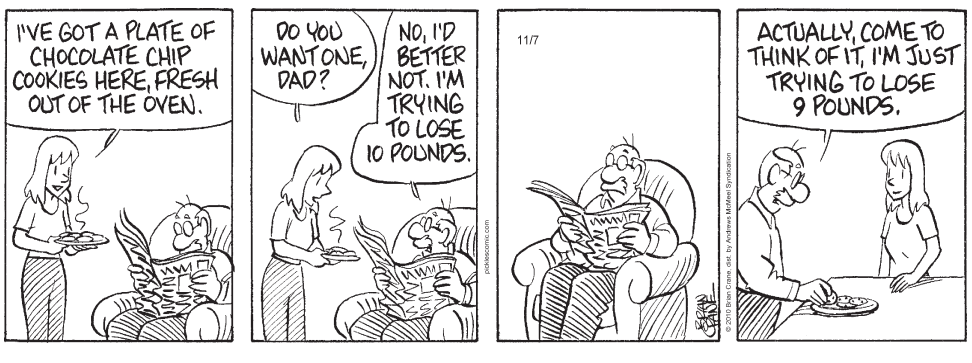
I'VE GOT A PLATE OF CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES HERE, FRESH OUT OF THE OVEN.
DO YOU WANT ONE, DAD?
NO, I'D BETTER NOT. I'M TRYING TO LOSE 10 POUNDS.
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ACTUALLY, COME TO THINK OF IT, I'M JUST TRYING TO LOSE 9 POUNDS.
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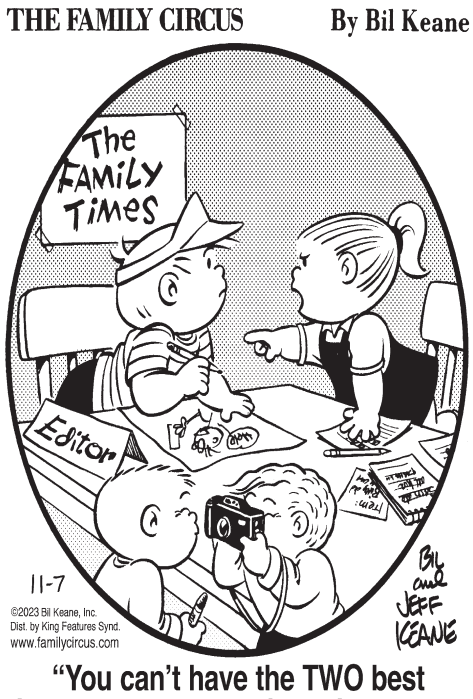
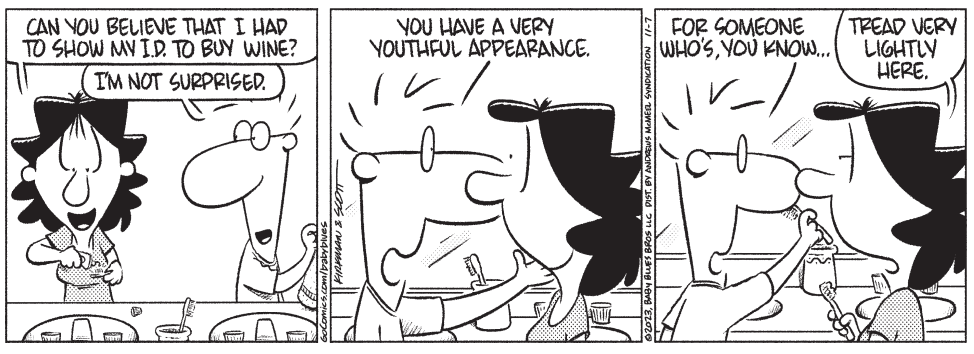


"You can't have the TWO best jobs on the paper, Billy! Pick one — Editor or Cartoonist?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH TRAIL MIX. YOU HAVE TO SORT IT ALL OUT YOURSELF."

BABY BLUES


CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT I HAD TO SHOW MY I.D. TO BUY WINE?
I'M NOT SURPRISED.
YOU HAVE A VERY YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE.
FOR SOMEONE WHO'S, YOU KNOW...
TREAD VERY LIGHTLY HERE.
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CURTIS

FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, CAN YOU NAME THE FIRST TEN PRESIDENTS IN ORDER?
OH OH, I USED TO KNOW THIS! I STUDIED THIS!! UM, I USED TO KNOW THIS!
I DON'T THINK THE AVERAGE JOE SCHMOE COULD NAME THE FIRST FIVE PRESIDENTS WITHOUT GOOGLIN' IT!!
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ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT SO FUNNY
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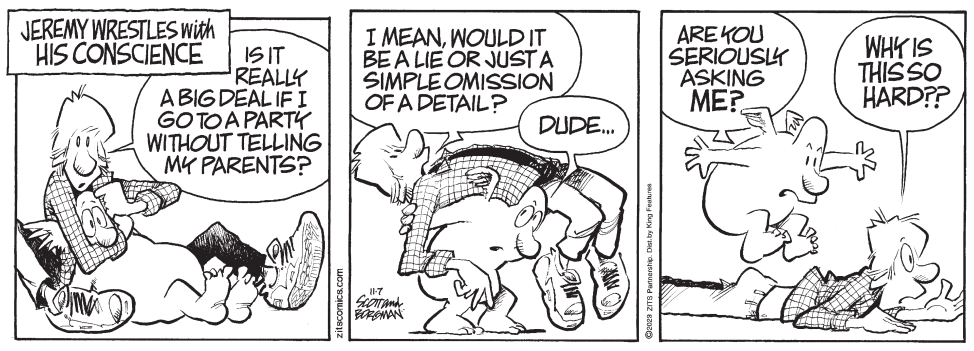
JEREMY WRESTLES with HIS CONSCIENCE
IS IT REALLY A BIG DEAL IF I GO TO A PARTY WITHOUT TELLING MY PARENTS?
I MEAN, WOULD IT BE A LIE OR JUST A SIMPLE OMISSION OF A DETAIL?
DUDE...
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY ASKING ME?
WHY IS THIS SO HARD??
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 2013, shares of Twitter went on sale to the public for the first time; by the closing bell, the social network was valued at $31 billion. (The company would go private again in October 2022 after Elon Musk purchased it for $44 billion.)

On this date:

In 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

In 1940, Washington state's original Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed into Puget Sound during a windstorm just four months after opening to traffic.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was reelected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Richard Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor's race in Virginia, becoming the first elected Black governor in U.S. history; David N. Dinkins was elected New York City's first Black mayor.

In 1991, basketball star Magic Johnson announced that he had tested positive for HIV, and was retiring.

In 2001, the Bush administration targeted Osama bin Laden's multi-million-dollar financial networks, closing businesses in four states, detaining U.S. suspects and urging allies to help choke off money supplies in 40 nations.

In 2011, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Michael Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray, of involuntary manslaughter for supplying a powerful anesthetic implicated in the entertainer's 2009 death. (Murray was sentenced to four years in prison; he served two years and was released in October 2013.)

In 2012, a magnitude 7.4 earthquake killed at least 52 people in western Guatemala.

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In 2015, the leaders of China and Taiwan met for the first time since the formerly bitter Cold War foes split amid civil war 66 years earlier; Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou hailed the meeting in Singapore as a sign of a new stability in relations.

In 2017, Twitter said it was ending its 140-character limit on tweets that had defined the social media outlet for its first decade, and would allow nearly everyone 280 characters to get their message across.

In 2018, a gunman killed 12 people at a country music bar in Thousand Oaks, California, before taking his own life as officers closed in.

In 2020, Democrat Joe Biden clinched victory over President Donald Trump as a win in Pennsylvania pushed Biden over the threshold of 270 Electoral College votes. Trump refused to concede.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota is 93. Actor Dakin Matthews is 83. Singer Johnny Rivers is 81. Former supermodel Jean Shrimpton is 81. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 80. Former CIA Director David Petraeus is 71. Jazz singer Rene Marie is 68. Actor Christopher Knight (TV: "The Brady Bunch") is 66. Rock musician Tommy Thayer (KISS) is 63. Actor Julie Pinson is 56. Rock musician Greg Tribbett (Mudvayne) is 55. Actor Michelle Clunie is 54. Documentary filmmaker Morgan Spurlock is 53. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 51. Actors Jeremy and Jason London are 51. Actor Yunjin Kim is 50. Actor Adam DeVine is 40. Rock musician Zach Myers (Shinedown) is 40. Actor Lucas Neff is 38. Rapper Tinie Tempah is 35. Rock singer Lorde is 27.

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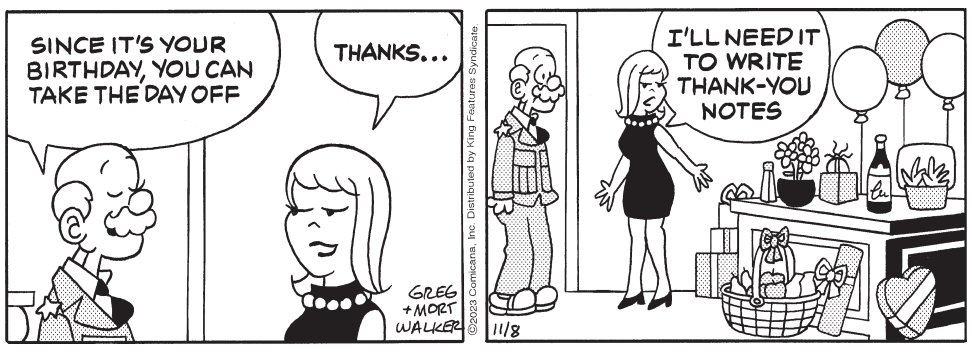
SINCE IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, YOU CAN TAKE THE DAY OFF
THANKS...
GREG + MORT WALKER
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I'LL NEED IT TO WRITE THANK-YOU NOTES
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THE NUMBERS AREN'T WHERE I WANT THEM TO BE, AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS
WHAT'S THAT, BOSS?
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IF I DON'T FIND SOMEONE TO BLAME IT ON, I'M GOING TO TAKE IT OUT ON EVERYONE
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HEY, DAG, I THINK THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE YOU
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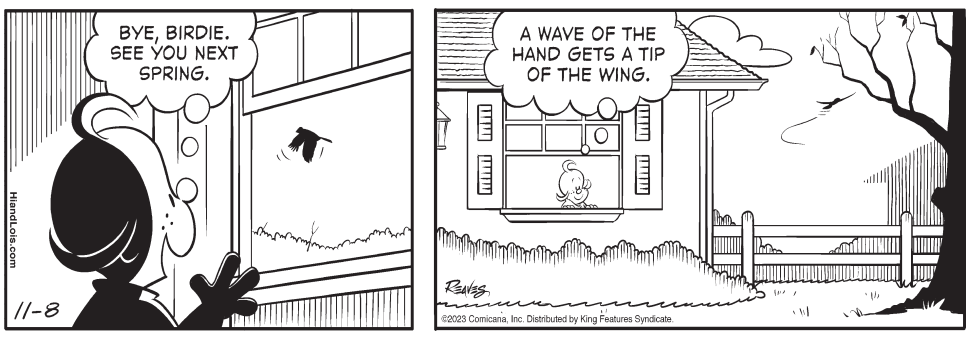
BYE, BIRDIE. SEE YOU NEXT SPRING.
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A WAVE OF THE HAND GETS A TIP OF THE WING.
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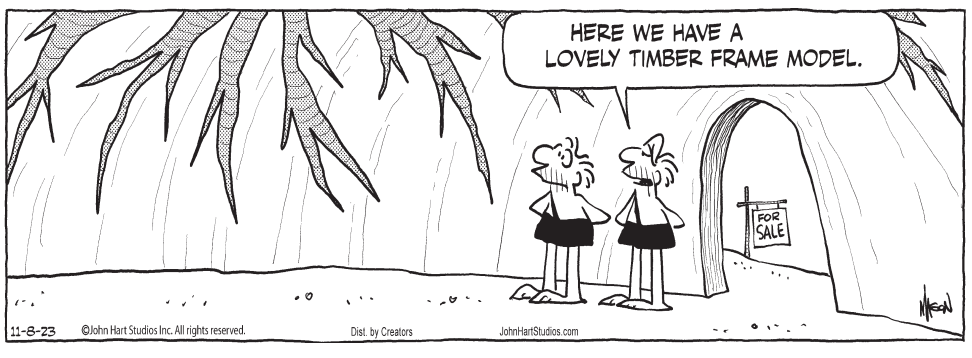

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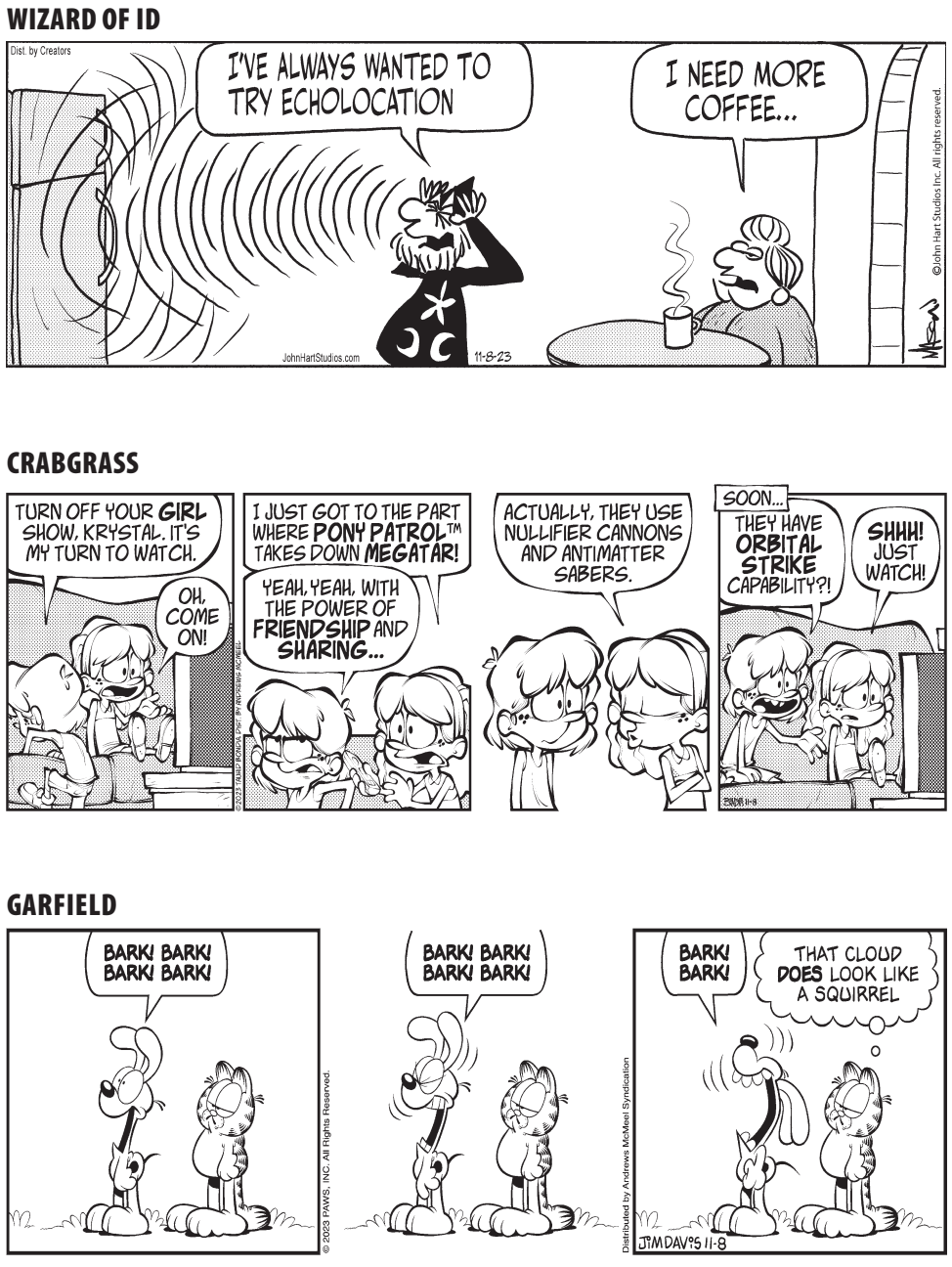

CRABGRASS

TURN OFF YOUR GIRL SHOW, KRYSTAL. IT'S MY TURN TO WATCH.
OH, COME ON!
I JUST GOT TO THE PART WHERE PONY PATROL™ TAKES DOWN MEGATAR!
YEAH, YEAH, WITH THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP AND SHARING...
ACTUALLY, THEY USE NULLIFIER CANNONS AND ANTIMATTER SABERS.
SOON...
THEY HAVE ORBITAL STRIKE CAPABILITY?!
SHHH! JUST WATCH!

GARFIELD

BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
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BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
BARK! BARK!
THAT CLOUD DOES LOOK LIKE A SQUIRREL
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FORT KNOX

FRANK FILLED MY PHONE WITH HIS SELFIES, GENERAL.
HE BORROWED MY PHONE, TOO.
WHAT DID HE DO WITH IT?
HE JUST MADE PHONE CALLS.
WELL, THAT'S NOT SO BAD.
TO DATING SERVICES.
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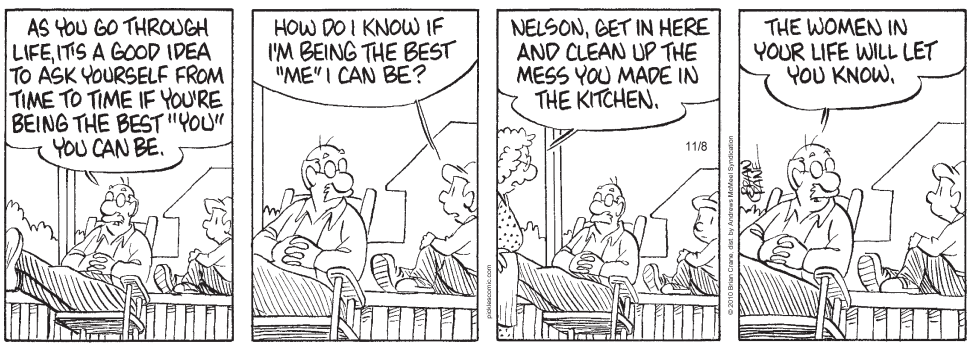
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HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M BEING THE BEST "ME" I CAN BE?
NELSON, GET IN HERE AND CLEAN UP THE MESS YOU MADE IN THE KITCHEN.
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THE WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE WILL LET YOU KNOW.
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FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"SURE MY MOM IS HOME, BUT SO IS MY DAD, MY DOG RUFF, MY CAT HOT DOG... AND MY THREE GOLDFISH LARRY, MOE AND CURLY."

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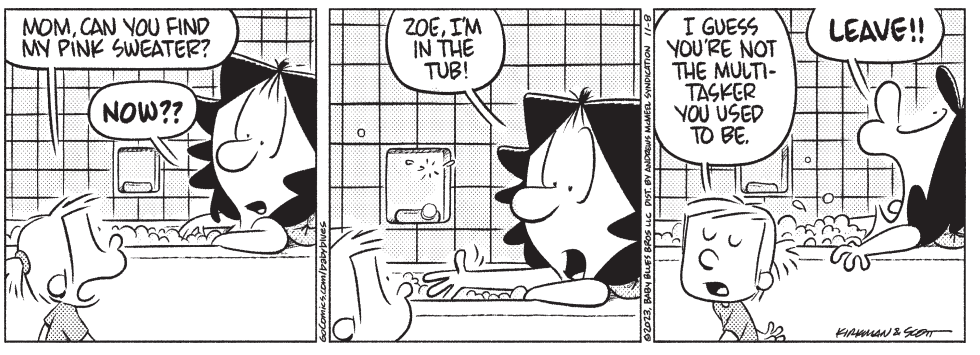
MOM, CAN YOU FIND MY PINK SWEATER?
NOW??
ZOE, I'M IN THE TUB!
I GUESS YOU'RE NOT THE MULTI-TASKER YOU USED TO BE.
LEAVE!!
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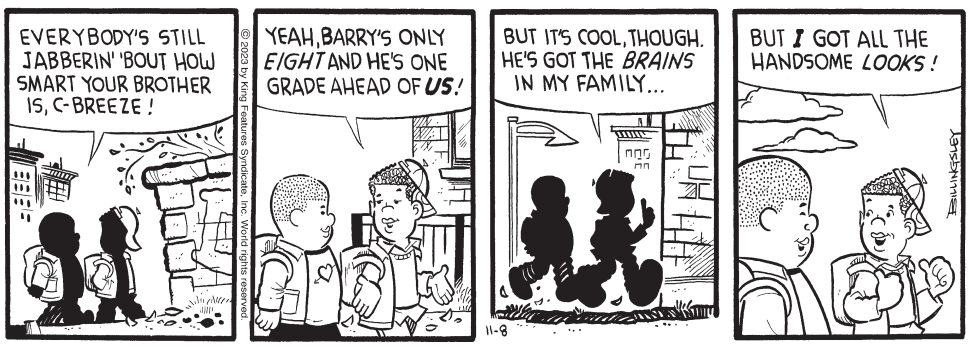
EVERYBODY'S STILL JABBERIN' 'BOUT HOW SMART YOUR BROTHER IS, C-BREEZE!
YEAH, BARRY'S ONLY EIGHT AND HE'S ONE GRADE AHEAD OF US!
BUT IT'S COOL, THOUGH. HE'S GOT THE BRAINS IN MY FAMILY...
BUT I GOT ALL THE HANDSOME LOOKS!
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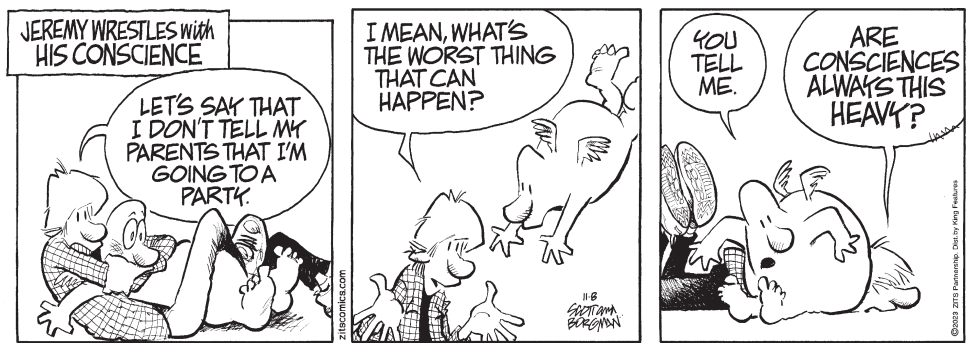
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LET'S SAY THAT I DON'T TELL MY PARENTS THAT I'M GOING TO A PARTY.
I MEAN, WHAT'S THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN?
YOU TELL ME.
ARE CONSCIENCES ALWAYS THIS HEAVY?
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SCOTT HILBURN BORGMAN
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

On this date:

In 1793, the Louvre began admitting the public, even though the French museum had been officially open since August.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln won reelection as he defeated Democratic challenger George B. McClellan.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1935, the movies "Mutiny on the Bounty," starring Clark Gable and Charles Laughton, and "A Night at the Opera," starring the Marx Brothers, premiered in New York.

In 1942, Operation Torch, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1950, during the Korean War, the first jet-plane battle took place as U.S. Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

In 1966, Republican Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California, defeating Democratic incumbent Pat Brown.

In 1974, a federal judge in Cleveland dismissed charges against eight Ohio National Guardsmen accused of violating the civil rights of students who were killed or wounded in the 1970 Kent State shootings.

In 2000, a statewide recount began in Florida, which emerged as critical in deciding the winner of the 2000 presidential election. Earlier that day, Vice President Al Gore had telephoned Texas Gov. George W. Bush to concede, but called back about an hour later to retract his concession.

In 2002, the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved Resolution 1441, aimed at forcing Saddam Hussein to disarm or face "serious consequences." President George W. Bush said the new resolution presented the Iraqi regime "with a final test."

In 2011, an asteroid as big as an aircraft carrier zipped by Earth in the closest encounter by such a massive space rock in more than three decades.

In 2012, Jared Lee Loughner was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the January 2011 shootings in Tucson, Arizona, that killed six people and wounded 13 others, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan, one of the most powerful storms ever recorded, slammed into the central Philippines, leaving more than 7,300 people dead or missing, flattening villages and displacing more than 5 million.

In 2016, Republican Donald Trump was elected America's 45th president, defeating Democrat Hillary Clinton in an astonishing victory for a celebrity businessman and political novice.

In 2017, director Ridley Scott decided to cut Kevin Spacey out of the already-completed movie "All the Money in the World" because of the sexual misconduct allegations against Spacey and reshoot his many scenes using Christopher Plummer, just six weeks ahead of the film's release date.

In 2018, tens of thousands of people fled a fast-moving wildfire in Northern California that would become the state's deadliest ever, killing 86 people and nearly destroying the community of Paradise.

In 2022, in the midterm elections, Republicans gained a narrow majority in the House, while Democrats managed to maintain control of the Senate.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alain Delon is 88. Singer-actor Bonnie Bramlett is 79. Singer Bonnie Raitt is 74. TV personality Mary Hart is 73. Former Playboy Enterprises chairman and chief executive Christie Hefner is 71. Actor Alfre Woodard is 71. Singer-songwriter Rickie Lee Jones is 69. Nobel Prize-winning author Kazuo Ishiguro is 69. Rock musician Pearl Thompson (The Cure) is 66. Singer-actor Leif Garrett is 62. Chef and TV personality Gordon Ramsay is 57. Actor Courtney Thorne-Smith is 56. Actor Parker Posey is 55. Actor Roxana Zal is 54. Singer Diana King is 53. Actor Gonzalo Menendez is 52. Rock musician Scott Devendorf (The National) is 51. Actor Gretchen Mol is 51. ABC News anchor David Muir is 50. Actor Matthew Rhys is 49. Actor Tara Reid is 48. Country singer Bucky Covington is 46. Actor Dania Ramirez is 44. Actor Azura Skye is 42. Actor Chris Rankin is 40. TV personality Jack Osbourne is 38. Actor Jessica Lowndes is 35. R&B singer SZA is 34. New York Yankees outfielder and designated hitter Giancarlo Stanton is 34. Singer-actor Riker Lynch is 32. Country singer Lauren Alaina is 29. Actor Van Crosby (TV: "Splitting Up Together") is 21.

Tinsel Twinkle Trail Time

Photos by Bob Demaree

Ron Novak (left), associate professor of industrial technology at Ivy Tech Community College-Madison, hammers in a post for new holiday decorations at Hanover's Tinsel Twinkle Trail last Thursday with assistance from Travis Wilson. The decorations were developed by area high school students participating in the welding program through Ivy Tech. The Tinsel Twinkle Trail will officially open Friday, Nov. 24, and remain through Christmas Day, at Hanover Park.

Students from Shawe Memorial High School who are participating in the welding program at Ivy Tech Community College-Madison install new decorations for the Tinsel Twinkle Trail that will officially open Friday, Nov. 24, at Hanover Park. Brandon Maya (from left), Caleb Davis, Jalyn Smith, Traevin Liston and Braiden Smith all worked on the project. Dalton Cyrus, a student participating from Trimble County, said the project involves students from several area schools to "introduce them to work together as a team, and to use our creativity to make nice things for the community look better."

MURAL

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shop's new location after the original business was destroyed by fire. They decided on a mural based on her shop.

"She is a floral designer, and very well-known for that," Bowers said. "It's a big part of her business."

The challenge them was deciding who should paint the floral picture for the mural. Bowers suggested selecting an art student from Carroll County High School and Qualls loved the idea. Bowers said CCHS art teacher Jeremy Cobb suggested 16-year-old junior Brenna Mefford based on her hard work and skills in art class and her unique talents for floral design compared to other classmates.

"At first, I didn't realize what he was asking me to do," said Mefford. "He showed me some pictures that Maguana had sent and I said: 'Sure, I'll do the painting.' " She then worked closely with Cobb on the best way to design the mural. "I thought about where I was going to place the different flowers because I was sent a physical copy of printed out photos of different flowers, different insects, and so we ended up choosing from those."

Mefford was given as much time as she needed to create the painting, but in the end the mural was finished in about a week. "It was really just get it done and do the best work that you can do," she said. "They told me to take as long as I need to finish it."

"We're so happy with it, and we're happy that we got to include a student," Bowers said.

The final mural shows Carrollton's two rivers along with the slogan "Where Rivers and People Meet" and is based on an aerial drone photograph by local photographer Justin Carlisle.

"We had gotten Justin to take a picture with his drone of the rivers and how they meet because Carrollton is well-known for the rivers and the slogan," Bowers said.

Unlike murals that are actually painted onto the buildings, Carrollton opted for hanging banners where the photograph or painting is scanned and then printed into a larger banner. Bowers said it's the same process used in Shelbyville and that the banners "hold up longer and require less maintenance ... It's also weather proof and will require less touch ups in the future."

The murals aren't the only projects Bowers has done. She also developed a metal heron statue for Carrollton's Point Park. She wanted to highlight a local business and contacted Heather and Daniel Clymer with Down Home Customs and Carrollton Sheet Metal, for that project. After the heron was completed, Ron Knight, head of Carrollton Public Works, was brought on to mount and install the statue. The project is not yet totally finished and once a plaque is mounted there will be a small dedication ceremony similar to those held at the murals.

Photographer Justin Carlisle and Design Committee Chairperson Erica Bowers are shown under the "Where Rivers and People Meet" banner on Main Street.

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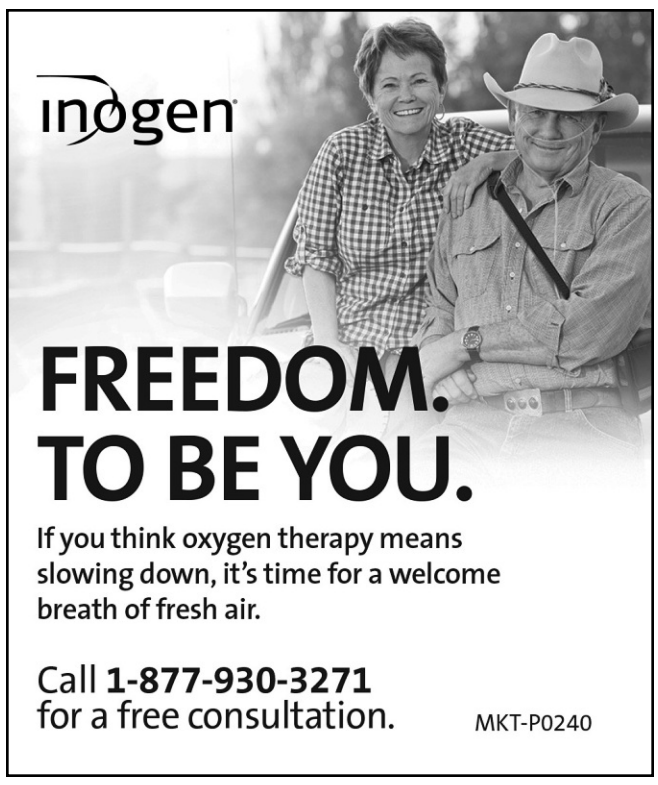
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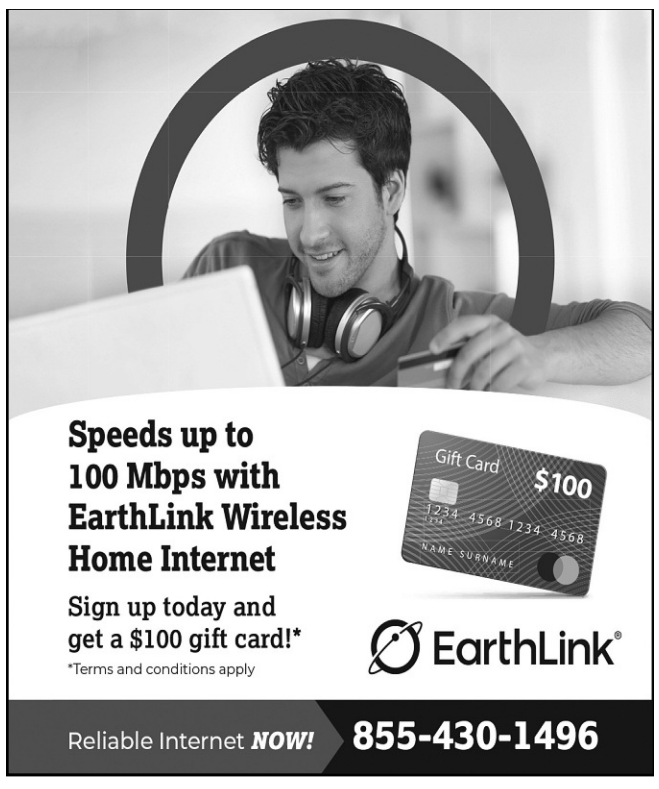
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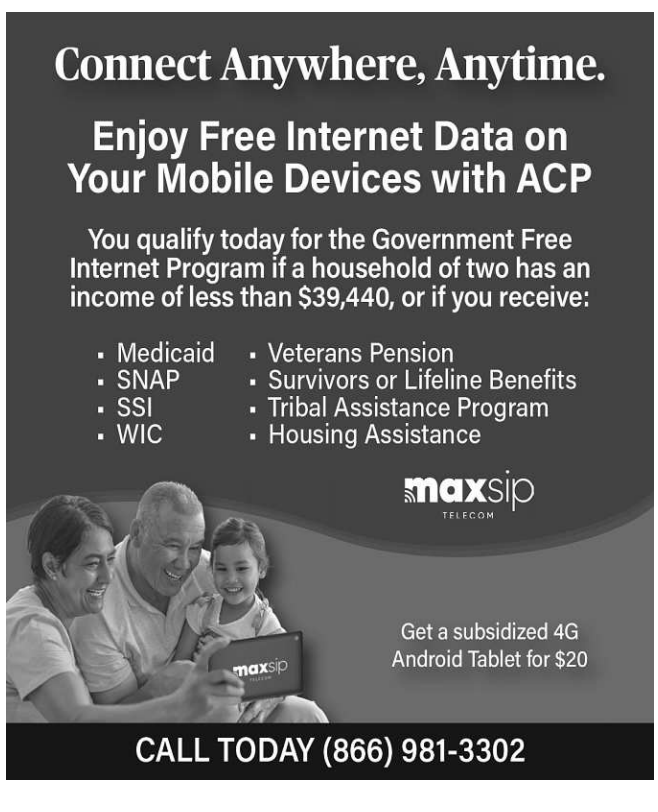
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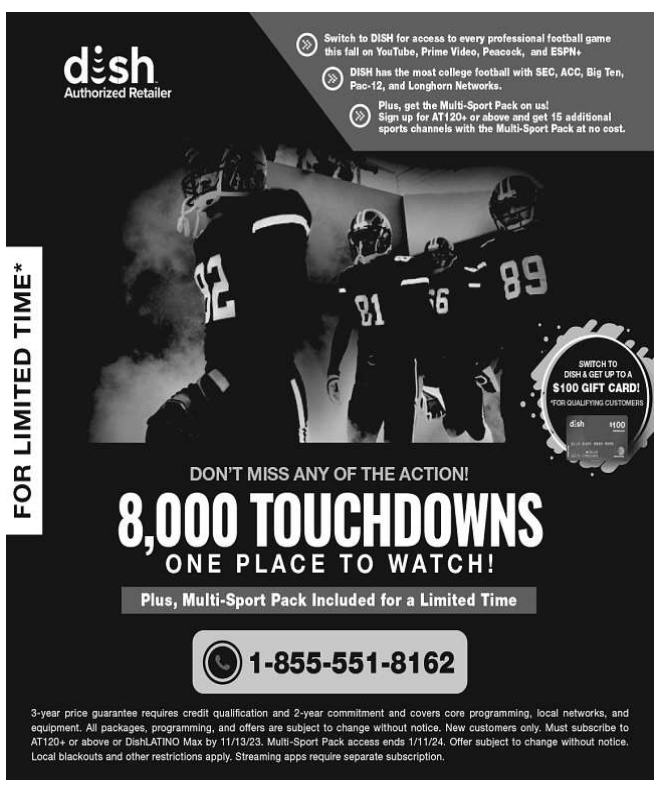
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Bullington named to Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame

File Photo

Bryan Bullington pitches for the Kansas City Royals during the first inning of his outing gainst the New York Yankees in 2010. He earned his first MLB win on that day.

Mark Campbell

Bryan Bullington, shown at the reunion for Madison's 1999 State Championship team last year, will be inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame next year.

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Bryan Bullington, who led Madison to the 1999 Class 3A Baseball State Championship and was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2002 Major League Baseball Draft, has been named one of five inductees into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame.

Bullington joins McCutcheon's Clayton Richards and coaches Joe Decker of Silver Creek, Dean Lehrman of Heritage and Dave Ginder of Fort Wayne Carroll in the Hall of Fame Class of 2024.

Bullington was a two-sport athlete at Madison. As a sophomore for Coach Gary O'Neal's Madison Cubs, he had a 6-3 record while compiling 74 strikeouts. In 1998, as a junior, he was 10-1, with a 1.69 ERA and 65 strikeouts as Madison reached the Final Four.

During his senior season, in 1999, Bryan was an impressive 15-0 with a 1.49 ERA and 127 strikeouts. He led his team to the 1999 3A State Championship where he threw a one-hitter against Fort Wayne Carroll. Following the 1999 season he was named Indiana's Hoosier Diamond Mr. Baseball, MVP of the IHSBCA North-South All-Star Series and drafted in the 37th round by the Kansas City Royals.

Bullington decided to forego Major League Baseball at that time to attend Ball State University. In three seasons at Ball State, Bullington had a career record of 29-11 with 357 strikeouts. He was named first team all Mid-American Conference in all three years that he

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Photos by David Campbell

Hanover women's soccer celebrates after beating Transylvania 1-0 to win the HCAC Tournament championship on Saturday.

Rainbolt's late score lifts Hanover to tourney title

Panthers headed back to NCAA women's soccer tournament

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

As the Hanover Panthers prepared to take the field for the first overtime period, coach Jim Watts decided to have a little fun with his players.

"I told them that I just talked with Transy's coach and we were just going to skip the overtime and go straight to a shootout," Watts said with a smile. "Every single one of them yelled 'No!' "

Hanover wanted no part of a penalty-kick shootout and sophomore Lauren Rainbolt made sure they didn't have to, scoring with two minutes to go in the second overtime to lift the Panthers to the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Tournament Championship with a 1-0 victory.

The hard-fought win was the very epitome of a team victory. With the likely HCAC Most Valuable Player, Beth Cook, on the sidelines with a broken foot, Hanover survived a 110-minute battle that saw quality chances few and far between.

"It was a little bit storybook. We found ourselves in a really similar position to last year, with multiple injuries and Beth out with a broken foot," Watts said of last year's championship loss to Rose-Hulman. "So today was kind of redemption day. When you go into the game knowing that Beth wasn't going to get a chance to play today, I felt like every single player on our team stepped up. I think it's one of my most talented teams, most deepest teams we've had at Hanover and I'm just really proud we were able to grind out a result against that fantastic Transylvania team."

With Cook and her 22 goals and eight assists cheering on from the sidelines, Hanover went to work. The Panthers were aggressive from the opening kick and ended up firing 20 shots at the Transylvania goal.

But very few of Hanover's chances counted as quality attempts and, other than a shot by Nora Ludwig that banged off the side post, the Panthers had little in the first half that came close to a score.

David Campbell

Hanover sophomore Lauren Rainbolt (left) gets a hug from junior Beth Cook after scoring the winning goal in the Panthers' 1-0 win over Transylvania in the HCAC Tourmament Championship on Saturday. Rainbolt was named MVP of the tourney. The win advances Hanover to the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

Transylvania was in the same boat. The Hanover defense clamped down, holding the Pioneers to just eight total attempts in the match of which only four were on goal.

Transylvania (14-5-1) did have two good looks late — including one that was stopped by a spectacular play from goalie Maggie Hinegardner — but both teams headed into the overtime scoreless.

Penalty kick shootouts are notoriously fickle and nobody on either side wanted the game to be decided in that manner. But after 17 minutes of overtime play, that possibility was looming more and more likely.

Rainbolt didn't let that happen. The sophomore got possession of the ball near the top of the penalty area and laced a shot that beat Transy keeper Carrie Stevens on the right side. The Panthers immediately piled onto their teammate in celebration.

Transylvania had little time left to seek the equalizer and Hanover ran out the final 2-1/2 minutes for the victory.

"(Rainbolt) is a really fantastic player. She grew up playing at Carmel High School so she's been in a lot of big games," Watts said. "She got her first career start today as a sophomore and scored the winner for us. But she's had a really good year off the bench. I mean, she was playing behind the two leading scorers in the conference and two of the leading scorers in the Midwest. But when she got her chance in the semifinal on Tuesday and then today, she really made the most of it."

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Hanover football throttles Anderson

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover football scored at least 20 points in each of the first three quarters to blow away Anderson 69-0 on Hall of Fame induction day on Saturday.

The Panthers racked up 564 yards of total offense while scoring 21 points in the first and second quarters and 20 more in the third. Anderson, meanwhile, managed just 126 total yards.

Hanover passed for 467 yards with starter Eian Roudebush going 22-for-25 passing for 295 yards and five touchdowns. Quinn Jenkins also tossed a pair of scores while Malachi Parks and Eric Roudebush also completed passes.

Hunter Eads had three catches for 82 yards and a touchdown while Austin Oppel caught five passes for 60 yards. Oppel also led the Panthers on the ground with 60 yards on eight attempts.

Madison's Noah Caswell led Hanover in tackles for the second-straight game, garnering a total of five. He also had a sack and forced a fumble.

Hanover, now 6-3 overall and 3-3 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, closes out the season on Saturday when it hosts Franklin in the 93rd annual Victory Bell Game. Hanover leads the Victory Bell series 46-43-3 including a 24-3 win last year at Franklin.

VOLLEYBALL BEATS ANDERSON

Hanover closed out the volleyball regular season with a four-set win at home over Anderson on Saturday.

The Panthers won 25-18, 18-25, 25-18, 25-21.

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LOCAL CALENDAR

TUESDAY

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls at Jac-Cen-Del, 7 p.m.

Madison girls at Lawrenceburg, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls at South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

BASKETBALL

Hanover men host Spalding (Ky.), 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hanover hosts Rose-Hulman, HCAC Tournament, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

SWIMMING

Switzerland Co. girls hosts Rising Sun, South Ripley, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

BASKETBALL

Hanover women vs. Simpson (Iowa), 5 p.m.

Shawe boys, Green & Gold Game, 5 p.m.

Madison girls host Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern girls host Oldenburg, 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

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Madison's 1999 Final Four girls basketball team was honored on Saturday. Members of the team are, front row from left, Karen (Dennison) Paolozzi, Brooke (Davis) DeMaio, Sayra Hoskins and Stephanie (Wallen) Smith. Pictured, back row from left, assistant coach Tiffany (Park) Sever, Julie (Ferguson) Hart, Amanda (Poling) Goley, assistant coach Diana (Goins) Wehner) and head coach Keith Gaffney. Unable to attend were: Mary (Fritter) McCarty), Jessica (Speer) Phagan, Lacey (Riley) Goley, Kathy (Hay) Colwell, Natashya Johnson (deceased), Amanda (Adams) Bordelon, Amanda Meek and assistant coach Mike Rusk (deceased).

Southwestern girls open with losses

Madison honors Holt, 1999 Final Four squad

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's offense struggled in back-to-back losses to Henryville and Brown County last week to open the girls basketball season.

On Thursday, the Rebels were held to just seven points in the first half and although they played better in the second half, still ended up losing 44-31 at home to Henryville.

Southwestern was just 3-of-18 from the floor in the first half and quickly fell behind 11-0. The Rebels outscored Henryville 24-23 in the second half but never got the deficit under double digits.

Olivia Simpson and Rorie Scroggins scored 10 points each to lead Southwestern while Kinsten Long, Baleigh McAtee and Ashley Fulton had three points each.

Addison Foley had 13 points and nine rebounds to lead Henryville.

Southwestern played much better on Saturday at Brown County but came up a point short in a 50-49 loss.

Rorie Scroggins had 10 points to lead the way while Fulton and Riley Scroggins scored eight points each.

Southwestern, now 0-2 on the season, hosts Oldenburg on Friday and travels to Crothersville on Saturday.

David Campbell

Henryville's Chloe Harter (11) blocks Southwestern's Baleigh McAfee (4) during Thursday's game in Hanover. Henryville won the contest 44-31.

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Madison's Molly (Holt) Sabol (left) is honored by Madison athletic director Patric Morrison during Saturday's game. Sabol was recently named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Silver Anniversary Team.

CUBS RALLY FOR WIN

Madison rallied from a first-quarter deficit to defeat Franklin County 50-45 in the Cubs' season opener Saturday at home.

Madison trailed 17-11 after the first quarter but regrouped to take a 29-24 lead into halftime. The Cubs then maintained that five-point lead at the final horn.

Juliana Davis had 19 points to lead the Cubs. Bailey Owens scored nine points and Mylee McQueary had eight.

Madison, now 1-0 on the season, travels to Lawrenceburg on Tuesday and hosts Switzerland County on Friday.

SHAWE OPENS WITH WIN

Shawe outscored Christian Academy 11-0 in the first quarter and used that quick start to post a 40-33 win in New Albany in the Hilltoppers' season opener on Saturday.

Shawe was outscored 33-29 over the final three quarters but the quick start proved to be the difference.

Allison Knoebel scored 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds to lead the Hilltoppers. Ava Turner scored eight points and Hunter Mote had seven points, five assists and seven rebounds.

Carly Stevens had a double-double of 13 points and 11 rebounds for Christian Academy.

Shawe, now 1-0 on the season, travels to Class A No. 7 Jac-Cen-Del on Tuesday for its Ohio River Valley Conference opener. The Hilltoppers will then play in the Southridge Tournament on Saturday.

South Carolina, Notre Dame women tip off in Paris

BY PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Women's college basketball is starting big this year. Eiffel Tower big.

No. 6 South Carolina and No. 10 Notre Dame tip off the season Monday in Paris, the first time a women's game will be played in the City of Light.

"I think it's pretty darn cool to be trendsetters," said Dawn Staley, the South Carolina coach. Tipoff is 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

The international start follows a year of landmark growth for the game, both in arenas and on TV. NCAA data showed four programs — South Carolina, Iowa, Iowa State and UConn — finished with season attendance averages of better than 10,000. A season ago, the Gamecocks were the only ones to surpass that mark.

ESPN said after the NCAA Tournament that March Madness had the most viewers since 2009, including a record 9.9 million tuning in for the championship game between Iowa and LSU. The regular season also had its most viewers since 2014-15.

"There couldn't be a better time to do this," said game organizer Lea Miller-Tooley at Complete Sports Management.

It won't be the only showcase for the women's game on opening week. On Thursday, AP Player of the Year Caitlin Clark and her national runner-up Iowa teammates play Final Four participant Virginia Tech at the NBA arena in Charlotte, North Carolina.

That follows Iowa's exhibition game, called the Crossover at Kinnick, where an NCAA single-game record 55,646 fans showed up to watch the first women's game in an outdoor football stadium last month.

Notre Dame senior forward Maddy Westbeld began hearing whispers about playing overseas earlier this year and said she felt overwhelmed when it became official.

"The fact that it's never been done in women's basketball and the fact that it's two such highly ranked and respected programs," Westbeld said. "Oh, my gosh, it gives me chills to think that we're a part of something so legendary and something so new."

Both teams arrived in France and went through jam-packed schedules that included youth clinics and sightseeing at the Louvre for masterpieces like da Vinci's "Mona Lisa."

Now, the focus is on the game between the two highly skilled and accomplished teams.

The Fighting Irish, who reached the Sweet 16 a year ago, are unsure if star Olivia Miles, who injured her knee at the ACC Tournament last March, will be ready to hit the court, coach Niele Ivey said.

The Gamecocks will be without Aliyah Boston, Zia Cooke and Brea Beal, who are off to the pros after leading the team to the past three Final Fours and the 2022 national title. Staley said there's a new feeling as her less experienced players take on increased roles.

"I've been waiting my two years" behind her talented ex-teammates, Bree Hall said. "I'm excited to go out there."

Ivey, who's been to Paris twice before, said she had tapped a strong resource in Marcus Freeman, the Notre Dame football coach whose team opened their season against Navy in Ireland. Freeman "told us embrace the moment, but find a way to do what you need to do," Ivey said.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma said the game is growing internationally and expects more opportunities for U.S. programs to play games overseas as interest increases. "It's not soccer yet, but (college basketball) is pretty darn good," he said.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Madison junior varsity girls basketball opened the season with a 32-25 win over Franklin County on Saturday.

Kenzie Smith had 12 points and five rebounds to lead Madison. Kylie Montgomery had seven points and four steals and Addison Roark had seven points.

Madison, now 1-0, travels to Lawrenceburg on Tuesday and hosts Switzerland County on Friday.

• Southwestern junior varsity girls basketball opened the season with a pair of wins.

On Thursday, Southwestern defeated Henryville 30-24. Kinsten Long had 10 points and Nana Baigorri scored seven.

On Saturday, the Rebels knocked off Brown County 41-15. Long had 17 points and Aitana Aparicio scored six.

Southwestern, now 2-0 on the season, hosts Oldenburg on Friday.

Williams scores 27 as Hornets edge Pacers

BY MARK AMBROGI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Mark Williams scored 27 points, Gordon Hayward had 23 and the Charlotte Hornets snapped a three-game losing streak with a 125-124 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Saturday night.

Terry Rozier scored 22 and has scored 20 or more in all five Hornets games this season.

Tyrese Haliburton tied a career high with 43 points to lead the Pacers, who have lost three of their last four.

Williams, who made 9 of 12 shots and had seven rebounds, scored nine points in the fourth quarter to help Charlotte rally. Nick Richards led the Hornets with 10 rebounds.

Williams scored on a layup with 1:03 left to give the Hornets a 125-122 lead. The Pacers closed the deficit to 125-124 on Buddy Hield's basket with 29 seconds left. Hield, who had 19 points, was fouled but missed the potential game-tying free throw.

Haliburton had a chance but Charlotte's LaMelo Ball, who had 11 assists, forced a turnover before he could get a shot off.

"We did a good job inbounding the ball late and obviously on the last play, Melo made a nice play," Hornets coach Steve Clifford said.

Rozier suffered a left groin strain and needed to be helped off the floor with a little more than six minutes left in the game. Clifford said Rozier will have an MRI.

Haliburton, who had 12 assists, scored 25 points in the third quarter as Pacers erased a 54-46 halftime deficit to take a 96-92 lead. Haliburton, who tied Jordan Nwora's franchise record for points in a quarter, sank 6 of 8 3-pointers in the quarter.

"Haliburton's third quarter was historic," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "We needed to back that up with a solid fourth quarter and they threw some hellacious shot making at us. It was some unfortunate situations for us. We have to continue to work to shore things up."

After the Pacers shot 33.3% in the first half, Indiana made 81% of its shots in the third quarter. The Hornets, who made nearly 49% from the field in the opening half, shot 65% in the third quarter.

The teams were tied at 27-all at the end of the opening quarter and Charlotte led 54-46 at halftime.

The Hornets have been hurt by slow starts and Clifford said this was their best first half in the five games.

"We've got to shoot and make more 3s than that but their defense had a lot to do with that," Clifford said. "Haliburton got going in the third. We tried to double-team him and he took us apart. They moved the ball well and we couldn't find a scheme that worked."

Jarace Walker, the Pacers first-round draft pick, was sidelined by a respiratory infection.

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Above left: Leslie County quarterback Landry Collett passed for 335 yards and four touchdowns as the Eagles defeated Carroll County 45-21 in the opening round of the Class 2A Football Playoffs in Carrollton on Friday. **Above right:** Leslie County's Bryce Pugh (on ground) grabs onto Carroll County quarterback Parker Mumphrey for a sack during Leslie's 45-21 win in the opening round of the Class 2A Football Playoffs on Friday.

Early hole too large as Carroll falls to Leslie County

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Leslie County jumped out to a big first quarter lead then sealed the game in the third quarter to knock off Carroll County 45-21 in the Class 2A Playoffs opener for both teams Friday in Carrollton.

The visiting Eagles punched Carroll in the mouth, scoring on their first three possessions to seize a 20-0 lead before the first quarter had expired.

Carroll County recovered enough to stop the bleeding and even cut the lead to 12 on different occasions, but couldn't get any closer.

"You can't get down 20 in the playoffs and expect to win. You just can't," Carroll County coach Lonnie Oldham said. "I don't know why we got down 20; we just didn't play well. When you get down 20, it's a different game. The game plan just goes out the window. I don't have the answers."

Junior quarterback Landry Collett put Leslie County on his back from the opening play. Whether with his arm or his legs, Collett methodically ripped through the Panthers for three first-quarter touchdowns, hitting Dalton Baker on a 21-yard touchdown pass, Simpson Rylen for a 34-yard score, and Baker for another 51-yard touchdown, to put the Eagles ahead 20-0 less than 10 minutes into the game.

Carroll County (6-5) recovered from that haymaker and came within a few plays of truly getting back into the game. Running back Zayn Satchwell caught fire in the second quarter and carried the Panthers to their first score — a 5-yard TD run with 9:11 left in the half — but Leslie County took a 26-7 lead into halftime after Dalton Maggard punched it in from 1-yard out just before the break.

Carroll County had its chances to come back but couldn't get out of its own way, throwing an interception in the end zone at the end of the half and committing three personal fouls in the second half.

Still, Oldham was confident at halftime that his team still had a chance.

"We were starting to play and at the half, we felt like we were in a good position," Oldham said.

Carroll scored on its first possession of the second half — a 6-yard run by Satchwell — to pull within 26-13 but ended up trading scores with Leslie over the next few possessions. Collett and Baker hooked up again, this time for a 43-yard score, and Carroll answered with a 21-yard touchdown pass from Parker Mumphrey to Malachi Embers to get to within 12.

Baker scored on a 1-yard run to put Leslie County up 39-21, then returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown to put the game away.

Collett finished with a monster game, completing 17-of-24 passing for 335 yards and four touchdowns, although he was intercepted twice. Baker had five catches for 114 yards and three scores.

Carroll quarterback Mumphrey was 18-for-31 passing for 208 yards and three interceptions.

Leslie County (7-5) will now face Somerset, a 36-0 winner over Owen County, in second round action this Friday.

Despite the loss, Oldham was pleased with the way his team played during a trying season. Carroll opened the season grieving over the shooting death of teammate Bryce Stewart and lost three in a row. But the Panthers won four-straight and grabbed the No. 2 seed in the playoffs.

"This is not where we want to stop, in the first round of the playoffs, but that's just the hand that was dealt this weekend," Oldham said. "We just didn't play very well and I don't have the answer for that but we had a great year. We have a lot of good seniors, a lot of good kids and a lot of good things happened. There's a lot of positives here still, even though we lost our playoff game."

Moore's two pick-6s let Colts snap 3-game skid

BY STEVE REED
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Indianapolis Colts defense entered Sunday's game reeling after allowing at least 37 points in each of its past three games.

Cornerback Kenny Moore fixed all of that in a big way.

Moore returned two Bryce Young interceptions for touchdowns, Jonathan Taylor caught a touchdown pass from Gardner Minshew and the Indianapolis Colts defeated the Carolina Panthers 27-13 to snap a three-game losing streak.

"Just having that (winning) feeling again feels so good," Moore said. "We've obviously been on a tough stretch with some losses that didn't feel too good. We want to keep this feeling."

Moore became the first Colts player in history with two pick-6s in a game and only the second NFL player to do it in the past 11 years. The other was Tampa Bay's Mike Edwards, who did it against the Atlanta Falcons in Week 2 of the 2021 season.

Colts first-year head coach Shane Steichen called Moore's effort "phenomenal," but quickly added that he wasn't at all surprised.

"The way he practices and the way he works by watching tape and doing it the right way," Steichen said. "When you watch tape, you're going to make plays. And that's what he did for us. Fourteen points by him is phenomenal."

The Colts intercepted Young, the No. 1 pick in the draft, three times and sacked him four times. Young finished 24 of 39 for 173 yards with one touchdown to fall to 1-6 as an NFL starter.

Steichen said it was exactly what the defense needed.

"When you can condense the pocket from inside it's tough for a quarterback," Steichen said. "Bryce made some plays scrambling out of the pocket and moving around but I thought our defense was great."

Young has now been sacked 26 times in seven starts, and the rookie clearly seems bothered by the constant pressure. He was hit seven times on Sunday and hurried on a number of other occasions.

He's beginning to hurry his throws and his accuracy is taking a hit.

Despite the struggles, Panthers coach Frank Reich said he's never considered benching Young for veteran Andy Dalton.

"I've seen this happen to the best quarterbacks in the history of the game," Reich said. "They all have games like this. Sure it's going to be easy to put it on the quarterback, but you bounce back. That is what makes the great ones. But developing into the franchise quarterback, it's a long road."

Adam Thielen, in the midst of a career season, was limited to 29 yards on five receptions for the Panthers (1-7), who matched their worst start in franchise history.

Minshew threw for 127 yards and Taylor ran for 47 yards for the Colts (4-5).

The Colts dominated the Panthers in the first half outgaining them 171-62 and took a 20-3 lead into the locker room after Moore stepped in front of Young's pass in the flat to Chuba Hubbard and took it 49 yards for a score.

Carolina appeared to have regained momentum after cutting the Colts lead to 10 in the third quarter before Young overshot Miles Sanders and Moore grabbed it and raced 66 yards to end zone to give the Colts a 27-10 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Votto posts video thanking city after Reds decline option

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Joey Votto posted a video on social media Sunday thanking the people of Cincinnati, one day after his 17-year career with the Reds apparently came to an end.

In a video posted on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Sunday morning, the 40-year-old first baseman said that "if this is the last time I'll play as a Cincinnati Red, I want to speak out loud my gratitude."

The team announced on Saturday it declined to pick up the $20 million option on his contract for 2024, making him a free agent for the first time in his career.

Nick Krall, the Reds president of baseball operations, said that with all the talented young players in the roster, Votto wouldn't get the playing time he deserved.

Votto, who remains hugely popular with fans, said he was made to feel welcome in Cincinnati from the beginning.

"I'm from Toronto, Canada, and when I came down to the US as an 18-year-old, it was an intimidating experience," Votto said. "I grew comfortable and eventually made it to Cincinnati, and that was another intimidating experience. But it blossomed into the best stretch of my entire life."

Votto will get a $7 million buyout from the Reds, completing a contract that guaranteed $251.5 million over 12 seasons. He will now be free to sign with another team.

Krall said Saturday letting Votto go was not a financial situation and there was not discussion of a new deal that would keep him with the Reds.

Votto hit .202 with 14 homers and 38 RBIs in 65 games this season. He didn't play his first game until June 19, 10 months to the day after surgery on his left biceps and rotator cuff.

A six-time All-Star and the 2010 NL MVP, Votto has a .294 average with 356 homers and 1,144 RBIs.

Burrow passes for 348 yards, 2 TDs in win over Bills

BY MITCH STACY
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CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals showed a national TV audience on Sunday night they are still serious AFC playoff contenders.

The Bengals were all but counted out after starting the season with two losses and falling to 1-3 on Oct. 1. But four straight wins have pulled them back up and into the conversation.

The latest was a 24-18 victory over the Buffalo Bills in a rematch of a divisional playoff game from last season.

"We went out and proved to the world we're back and we're here," said Cincinnati receiver Tee Higgins, who had eight catches for a season-high 110 yards.

Joe Burrow threw for a season-high 348 yards and two touchdowns, and Cincinnati's defense forced two turnovers and held off the Bills.

"We're coming along," Burrow said. "We've played well the last couple of weeks and we have to keep it going."

Cincinnati (5-3) is locked in a tie with Cleveland and Pittsburgh, all of them chasing the division-leading Ravens (7-2) in the AFC North. The Bengals still have to play the Steelers twice and have rematches with the Browns and Ravens on the schedule.

Burrow, who was still struggling with a calf injury early in the season, was 31 for 44 while completing passes to eight receivers, with tight ends Irv Smith Jr. and Drew Sample making the touchdown grabs.

Meanwhile, Cincinnati kept Josh Allen and the Bills (5-4) playing from behind throughout.

Cam Taylor-Britt intercepted Allen to shut down a drive in the second quarter. Nick Scott upended Buffalo tight end Dalton Kincaid and recovered the fumble on Cincinnati's 13-yard line in the third quarter.

The subsequent Bengals drive ate up 5:20 and a 20-yard field goal by Evan McPherson extended Cincinnati's lead to 24-10.

Allen threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Stefon Diggs and the two connected on a 2-point conversion pass to cut the lead to 24-18 with 3 ½ minutes left, but the Bengals got two first downs and ran out the clock to seal it.

"Too inconsistent overall," Buffalo coach Sean McDermott said. "I thought we got off to a really good start in our rhythm. After that it was tough sledding."

Allen had a respectable night, going 26 for 38 and 258 yards, but he also threw an interception for the fifth straight game. Diggs had six catches for 86 yards.

Burrow was 6 for 6 for 65 yards on a methodical opening drive that he finished off with a 7-yard pass to Smith, who got his first touchdown catch of the season.

The Bills answered with a quick scoring drive, highlighted by a 34-yard catch-and-run by Diggs and capped by Allen's 2-yard TD run.

Aided by a roughing the passer call on the Bills' Tim Settle, Burrow put together another extended drive. Joe Mixon barreled in from Buffalo's 2-yard line to finish it.

Burrow tossed a bubble screen to Sample, who ran for a 22-yard touchdown and gave the Bengals a 21-7 lead at the half.

"Getting up by two scores was big," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "I also was happy with the offense on the final drive. We take pride in finishing with the ball."

In his postgame news conference, Burrow did his best to temper expectations.

"We were 1-0 this week. We have to be 1-0 next week, too," he said. "This is only game (No.) 8. We've got nine games left."

HARD MEMORIES

The last time the Bills played at Paycor Stadium on Jan. 2, safety Damar Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and was resuscitated on the field. The game was postponed and eventually canceled.

Hamlin recovered and was back with the team in Cincinnati, although he was inactive for the game.

He's honoring the 10 first-responders, nurses and doctors who helped save his life by establishing a scholarship program for Cincinnati youths.

Hamlin's charitable foundation charitable will be awarding $1,000 scholarships to 10 individuals from the area's underserved communities for each of the next three years.

INJURIES

Bills LB Terrel Bernard was ruled out with a concussion.

UP NEXT

The Bengals host the Houston Texans (4-4) next Sunday.

World Series averaged least-watched 9.11 million viewers

BY JOE REEDY
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The Texas Rangers 5-0 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks for their first championship on Wednesday night drew the largest audience of this World Series. However, it was not enough to prevent the five-game series from being the least-watched Fall Classic in recorded TV history.

Nielsen and Fox said Thursday the World Series averaged 9.11 million viewers, less than the 9.79 million average from the 2020 series, when the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Tampa Bay Rays in six games.

It was a 23% decline from last year's series, when the Houston Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies in six games and averaged 11.78 million.

Wednesday night's game averaged 11.48 million on Fox, a jump of 3 million compared to Tuesday night's audience. The total audience across Fox, Fox Deportes and Fox streaming platforms was 11.64 million.

It was the first audience over 10 million for this year's series. Monday night's Game 3 set the record for the least-watched World Series game on record at 8.13 million.

The audience peaked with 14.27 million viewers for the final three outs.

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Baseball and network executives figured this year's series might face a tough audience because of two teams that don't have much national appeal. The expanded playoffs also meant it was a series matching the teams with the seventh- and 11th-best records.

However, the Rangers being the ninth champion since 2013 and 14 teams qualifying for the Fall Classic in the same span does have some appeal for Fox executives.

"I think it's a good thing for the health of baseball to have new pennant winners and new champions, new teams playing in the World Series. You don't want it to be the same market and the same brands every year," Fox EVP, Head of Strategy and Analytics Mike Mulvihill said. "But I admit it is difficult for ratings in the short term when you've got some brands paired up that don't really have traditional national boards."

Bob Thompson , the retired president of Fox Sports Networks who runs his own consulting group, also saw scheduling and a short series as factors in the low audience numbers.

"I think the Friday night start probably is something baseball might want to look at. It is usually the poorest-viewed night of the week. Then you had a couple games that were blowouts where people probably tuned out early," he said. "Whenever there's a chance for somebody to clinch, the numbers are usually high."

The World Series also continues to outperform every entertainment program. This was the eighth straight year that has happened.

It was the most-watched event four of the five nights. The only thing to beat it was "Monday Night Football," when the Detroit Lions beat the Las Vegas Raiders.

"Our two hopes and expectations are to beat everything in entertainment, and to have a long series. We didn't really get a long series, but we did still beat everything in entertainment," Mulvihill said. "As long as the series continues to do that, it'll always be powerful in prime time."

With the addition of the pitch clock and shorter games, ratings on regional sports network were up 7% for the regular season, with 16 of the 29 U.S.-based teams showing improvement.

National regular-season ratings were up for Fox/FS1 and TBS, but flat for ESPN.

Seager takes swipe at rival as Rangers celebrate title

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — Corey Seager took the stage to thunderous chants of "M-V-P!, M-V-P!" as the Texas Rangers celebrated the franchise's first World Series championship Friday.

"Really this was truly special, we appreciate all of your support," Seager, the second-time World Series MVP, said during the ceremony following a two-hour parade along a 2-mile route near the team's ballpark.

Arlington fire officials estimated 400,000 to 700,000 fans attended the celebration.

While normally pretty stoic, though he had a couple of emphatic shows of emotion during the playoffs, Seager then took a swipe at the Houston Astros, the team that took the AL West title from Texas on the final day of the regular season. That made the Rangers a wild-card team, and they then set an MLB record by winning all 11 of their postseason road games.

"I've just got one thing to say. You know, everybody was wondering what would happen if the Rangers didn't win the World Series. I guess we'll never know," Seager said, a clear retort to what Astros third baseman Alex Bregman said to start their champagne celebration when they clinched the division title.

Texas beat the Astros in the AL Championship Series, with the Rangers winning all four ALCS games played in Houston, including the Game 7 clincher.

Fans were stacked dozens deep at some spots during the parade, which came two days after the Rangers wrapped up the World Series title with a 5-0 win on the road in Game 5 against the Arizona Diamondbacks. It came a week after Texas won the series opener at home on an 11th-inning homer by Adolis García after Seager hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to tie the game.

"Years from now, I'm going to think about this moment, and I'm going to cherish the time that I had to spend with (these players)," manager Bruce Bochy told the crowd. "We talked about it at spring training. We're going to do something special. Well, fellas, we did something special here together. Thank you."

Bochy then shared that his granddaughter, who was with him during the parade, said she wanted to do that again.

"Well, I'm with her. I want to do this again. Let's go," said the 68-year-old Bochy, the oldest manager in the majors.

The Rangers won their first championship in their 63rd season as a franchise, which began as the expansion Washington Senators in 1961 before the team moved to Texas in 1972.

AL Championship Series MVP García, Seager and all of the Rangers players were in the parade through the entertainment district of Arlington, the city where they play along Interstate 30 halfway between downtown Fort Worth and downtown Dallas.

Seager was also the World Series MVP in 2020 when playing for the Dodgers, who won that title in a neutral-site MLB postseason played during the COVID-19 pandemic at Globe Life Field, the Rangers' retractable-roof stadium that opened that season. There was no celebration parade in Los Angeles that year.

The Rangers arrived home in North Texas on Thursday, with All-Star second baseman Marcus Semien exiting first and hoisting the World Series trophy into the air as he stepped off the plane. By that time, some fans were already staking out spots along the parade route.

After starting on the south side of Globe Life Park, the parade went along the side of AT&T Stadium, the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, and up around Mark Holtz Lake, named after the late Rangers broadcaster known for his "Hello Win Column!" call. The parade then passed by the Rangers' former ballpark where they played when making their only other World Series appearances in 2010 and 2011.

"The Texas Rangers' World Series victory is a dream five decades in the making," Arlington Mayor Jim Ross said.

This is Bochy's fourth World Series title. He won three with the San Francisco Giants, the first in 2010 with a Game 5 clincher in Texas. Bochy was named the Rangers' manager a year ago, when the team was coming off its sixth consecutive losing season.

"I've been asked: Hey, does this ever get old. It doesn't get old, trust me," Bochy said. "No, not when you get to watch these guys with their deep determination, their resilience, and the heart that brought them together, and play as one to do what they did. These guys put aside their individual action to become (a) collective power to win a world championship here with the Texas Rangers for the first time in our franchise."

At least six local school districts were closed Friday so students and faculty could join in the celebration. Several high school bands took part in the parade held on a picture-perfect day, with clear, sunny conditions and temperatures around 70 degrees.

TUESDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	The Voice (N)		The Voice (N)		Found (N)		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Big Brother (N)		FBI True (N)		FBI		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Comm..	The Voice (N)		The Voice (N)		Found (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Inside the NFL		Whose..	Whose..	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Dancing "Music Video Night" (N)				D. Parton (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	Your Voice		Dancing "Music Video Night" (N)				D. Parton (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	Election 2023 (N) (Live)						Frontline		
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Name-Tune (N)		9-1-1: Lone Star		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Big Brother (N)		FBI True (N)		FBI		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Inside the NFL		Whose..	Whose..	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Name-Tune (N)		9-1-1: Lone Star		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Custo..	Custo..	Neighb..
AMC	29	26	★★★ Bruce Almighty ('03)				★★★ Uncle Buck ('89)				(:15) ★ Great Outdoors		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	(:20) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..
DISC	31	38	Dirty Jobs		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws vs. the World (N)				Street (N)		Street
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Villains	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		Top 25 (N)		ESPN Films		Basketball Auburn vs. Baylor (N)				SportC..
FREE	18	40	★★★★ Home Alone ('90) Macaulay Culkin.					★★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York					700Club
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★ Venom: Let Ther...		★★★★ Deadpool 2 ('18) Ryan Reynolds.						Welco..	Welco..	Welco..
HBO	201	17	(4:50) ★ Good Wi...		★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 ('15)				★ Stand Up & ...		★★★ Uptown Girls ('03)		
MAX	270	73	(:05) ★★ The Haunting ('99)				★★★ Blair Witch ('16)		★ Slice ('18)		(:55) ★ Orphan		
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★★ The Dark Knight ('08) Heath Ledger, Christian Bale.						
SHOW	221	16	Movie	★ Heist 88 ('23)			★ Menace II Society (P)		(:40) ★★★ Paid in Full ('02)				
TMC	233	74	Movie	★★★★ Smoke Signals			★★★★ Aftersun ('22)		(:45) ★ As They Made Us ('22)				
TNT	27	43	(4:30) ★ Blind Side		Pre-Ga..	NHL Hockey					NHL Hockey		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE NXT (N) (Live)				(:10) ★★★ S.W.A.T. ('03)		

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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Survivor (N)				The Amazing Race (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Republican-Debate (N) (Live)						News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Sullivan's (N)		Sisters (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	The 57th Annual CMA Awards (N) (Live)						News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	RedCa..	The 57th Annual CMA Awards (N) (Live)						News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Ocean (N)		NOVA (N)		Secrets		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Masked (N)		Snake Oil (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Survivor (N)				The Amazing Race (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Sullivan's (N)		Sisters (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Masked (N)		Snake Oil (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..
AMC	29	26	(5:45) ★★★ Uncle Buck ('89)				★★ Vegas Vacation ('97)				★ National Lampoon's V...		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Ghost Adv (N)		Ghost Adv. (N)		Ghost..
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NBA	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	(:20) ★★★★ The Santa Clause ('94)					★★★ The Santa Clause 2 ('02) Tim Allen.					700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) ★★★★ Black Widow ('21)				★★★ Captain Marvel ('19) Brie Larson.					★ The Avengers	
HBO	201	17	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Shazam! Fury of the Gods ('23)					★ You Were My First Bo...		(:40) 30 Coins		
MAX	270	73	(:15) ★★★ The Dead Don't Die				★★★ The Edge ('97)				★★★★ Wild ('14)		
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ The Dark Knight Rises ('12) Christian Bale.						
SHOW	221	16	(5:05) ★ Yards		★★★★ Wall Street ('87)				(:05) Travelers		(:05) ★ The Counselor (P)		
TMC	233	74	(:05) ★★★★ Hamlet Ethan Hawke.				★ The Forger ('14)			(:40) ★★★★ A Simple Plan ('98)			
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THURSDAY EVENING

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3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Law & Order		Transplant (N)		Dateline NBC		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Big Brother (N) (Live)				SEAL Team		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Law & Order		Transplant (N)		Dateline NBC		News
8 WISH	12		News	Heroes	ZoneE..	ET (N)	Son of a	Run	Childr..	Everyo..	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Bachelor (N)		(:15) Bachelor in Paradise (N)				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Bachelor (N)		(:15) Bachelor in Paradise (N)				News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Antiques		Doc Martin		Father Brown		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Kitchen (N)		LEGO (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Big Brother (N) (Live)				SEAL Team		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Son of a	Run	Childr..	Everyo..	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Kitchen (N)		LEGO (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
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DISC	31	38	BattleBots (N)				BattleBots (N)				MythBusters		MythB..
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladybug	
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		SportC..	College Football Virginia at Louisville (N) (Live)					SportsC. (N)		
FREE	18	40	(5:45) ★ Ralph Breaks the Internet				(:20) ★★★★ Free Guy ('21) Ryan Reynolds. (P)						700Club
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★★★ Captain Marvel ('19)				★★★★ Avengers: Endgame ('19) Robert Downey Jr..						
HBO	201	17	(:20) ★★★ Insidious: Chapter 3				★★★ Don't Worry Darling ('22)				(:05) Gilded		Movie
MAX	270	73	(:25) ★★★★ (500) Days of Summer				★★★ Road Trip			★ Road Trip: Beer Pong			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★ F9 The Fast Saga ('21) Vin Diesel.						Movie
SHOW	221	16	Movie	★ Married to the Mob			(:15) ★★ Mafia Mamma ('23)				Travelers		Movie
TMC	233	74	★★★★ 1917 ('19) George MacKay.				★★★★ First Blood ('82)			★ Rambo: First Blood Pa...			Movie
TNT	27	43	(5:30) ★★★★ Joker ('19)				★★★★ The Batman ('22) Zoë Kravitz, Robert Pattinson.						
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU "Wet"		★★★★ John Wick ('14)				★ John Wick: Chapter 2		

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17 Spots for shots
18 Lawn game
20 Itty-bitty
21 __ up; become happy again
22 Repairs
23 Wading bird
25 Energy
26 Responses to corny jokes
28 Hate
31 "__ payment"; invoice phrase
32 Sassy
34 Dog __; GI's ID
36 Zealous
37 All skin and bones
38 Alpha's follower
39 Olive Oyl's hairdo
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41 Slender candle
42 Narcissist
44 Bell tower
45 Word of disgust
46 Black-and-white critter
47 1 of 7 deadly sins
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54 Cease resisting
57 Actor Everett
58 Hot spot
59 End-of-term exam
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61 Powdered drink
62 __ enough; ironically
63 Peeves

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9 Cereal grain
10 Plot
11 Crazy as a __
12 Decorated cakes
13 Chapel service
19 Most common U.S. surname
21 Breathe heavily
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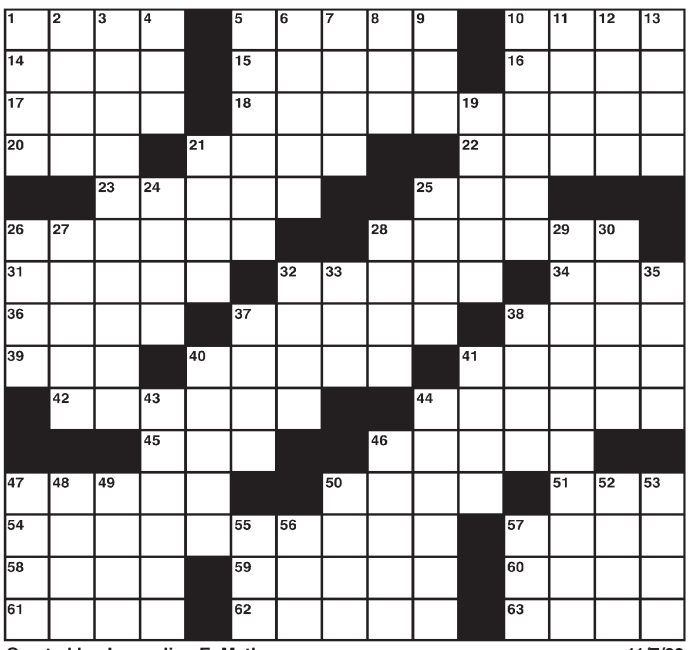

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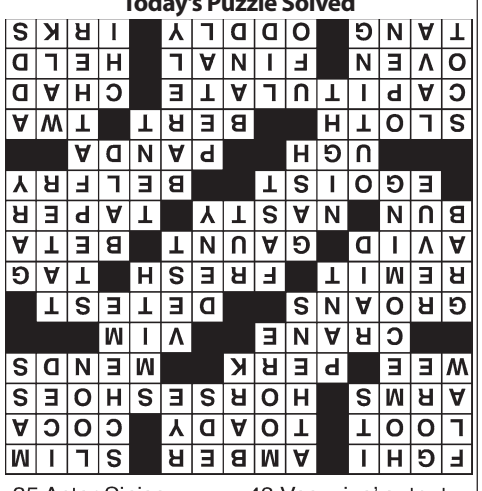

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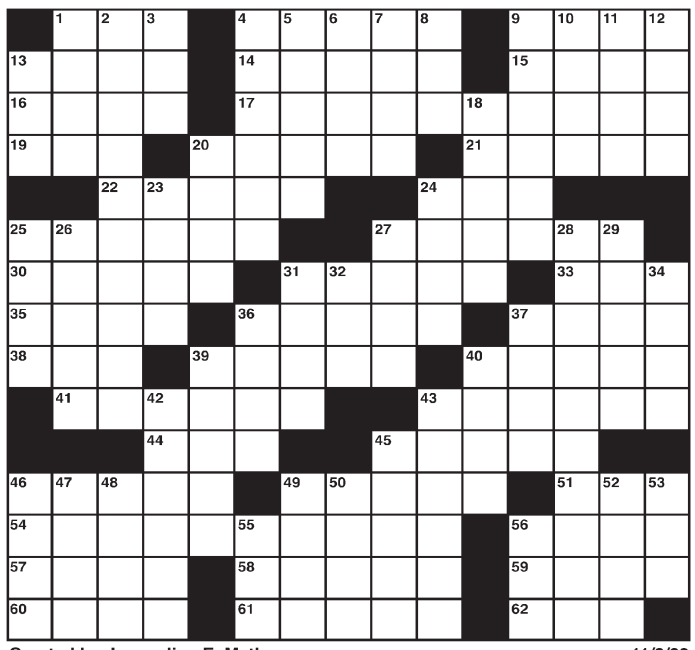

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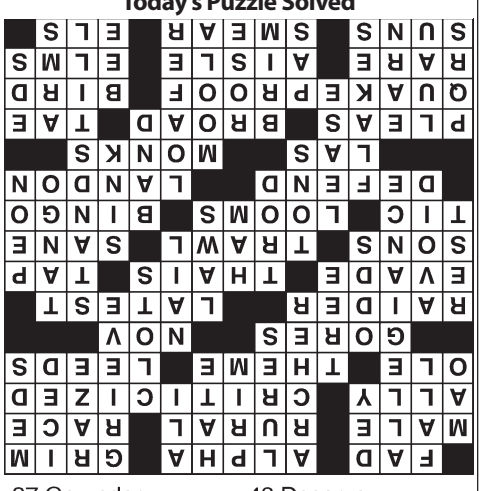

Reconnected couple deals with silent stages

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: Eight months ago, I ran into an old flame. We had a three-year relationship that ended 10 years ago.

We did not stay in touch after our breakup, and we both moved on with other people for longer relationships. We each broke up with our partners in 2022 and reconnected afterward.

We have been seeing each other regularly and talking or texting every day since. It's been great!

We have both matured. Our relationship is easygoing, fun and respectful. However, there have been two periods over these past months where he has been upset with a situation unrelated to me.

The first time, I knew he was upset, but without warning he did not contact me for five days. I was upset and annoyed by this. I asked him to be better at communicating with me when he feels this way.

We have been communicating in a healthy way since restarting our relationship. Last week, he received bad news about his job and became very stressed. He verbalized a need for space, which I understand and respect. I stated that I would like him to check in once a day with me. He has checked in, in a very sweet way, but it is only a few texts each day! He is not updating me on how he feels or asking me how I am doing during these brief exchanges. I do want him to have space, but after a week of this, I definitely want to return to normal communication.

Should I say something to him, or should I give this more time, since he is doing what I asked him to do? How long is too long?

— Impatient Ida

Dear Impatient: Your guy is following your instructions, which tells you that he has some awareness of your needs and that he wants to please you. And while you asked him to check in "once a day," he is checking in several times a day, and yet — his texts don't contain the wording or content you would prefer. You have every right to own your honest preferences and reactions, but … do you really want to be in charge of how he processes and expresses his own needs? You have identified an extremely important issue regarding how you two relate. His reaction to stress is to withdraw. Your instinct is to share.

I think you should approach this current phase with an open attitude. Let him take however long it takes for him to process his stress. Pay attention to the way he comes back to you. Intimacy really does require that partners be honest about their vulnerabilities and needs. This is an essential component of the trust that intimate partners share.

Wedding drama leads to devastation

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My husband's niece is getting married. I'm so happy for her.

There has been much talk about the wedding. We already received the save-the-date.

Several wedding-related conversations have been held in front of my 12-year-old daughter.

In front of the family, I told my daughter that we could get her a beautiful dress to wear to the wedding. We then bought a dress.

Then the wedding invitation arrived in the mail: "NO CHILDREN ALLOWED!"

I was completely devastated — to say the least.

Then, I found out that there are children attending the wedding, but they have to be over the age of 15.

My daughter was really upset when I told her that she wasn't invited to the wedding.

I feel that the family should have taken me aside in advance to let me know my daughter was excluded.

I declined going to the wedding due to my daughter's disappointment.

My husband plans to attend the wedding without me.

He said that he is going to attend because his mother would be upset if he stayed home.

I am angry, hurt and upset that he has chosen his family over his daughter.

My question is, am I wrong for feeling this way?

— Angry and Hurt

Dear Angry: I won't say that your feelings are "wrong," so much as overabundant.

So. Much. Devastation.

Mom — get a grip!

Let's put your feelings aside and focus on your behavior, as well as the lessons you are passing along to your daughter.

Essentially, you are teaching her that disappointment is actually devastation, and the way to cope with devastation is to insist that everyone around you must demonstrate their solidarity by also being devastated. Then everybody stays home, sulking.

Yes, the bride could have handled this differently.

But the good news to pass along to your daughter is that she won't always be 12.

She will age-out of these social exclusions and mature enough to handle her disappointments with a sense of balance.

And now … will you?

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It may be time to beef up your resume. You could find yourself in a better position if things start changing around you. The more skills you have, the more options you might find are available when things calm down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Sometimes the headlines may not match the content. In some instances, your insistence on being more whimsical than others could rub someone the wrong way. Acting out your daydreams might create tension with someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your ability to understand and interpret other people's feelings or intentions may be stronger than usual. You might shine in group situations or get the chance to present your best ideas in an ideal venue and gain accolades.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This may not be the best time to launch a new financial project or make a major purchase. You might be dazzled by surface appearances and lose out if you try to follow through on a get rich quick scheme.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although someone or something may float your boat it might be wiser to keep yourself safely docked for now. If you become wrapped up in daydreams you could miss out on something a little more important.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may need to convince someone that you are being sincere. Your enhanced communication skills can help make a significant difference in the results. Loved ones might offer suggestions when you need assistance with decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — It can be wise to ask for feedback from trusted loved ones to make sure you are staying grounded in reality and prevent being lost in wishful thinking. Performing dull routines could ultimately help make your dreams come true.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The desire to do your best and get things done quickly could be perceived as being aggressive by someone else. Consider when to show off your talents to try and impress your colleagues, boss, or family.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Important decisions may need to be made in the face of changes that could be on their way. Try not to be afraid of taking a leap and making hard choices. Obtain more options or impact by demonstrating solid leadership skills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Break one bad habit and you could realize that you can do anything. Build a vision of how you can improve your life and how to implement it. Respect the conventions but be willing to change with the times when needed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may prefer to have a set of contingencies in place, but the possibilities might appear at random and leave you unable to prepare a solid plan for any of them. Develop your flexibility and you can learn to adapt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You can often think your way past minor problems. A hectic schedule filled with multiple priorities could make you wonder if there are enough hours in a day. Organizing a to do list can help you tackle it methodically.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A leg up from meeting the right person can offer significant help, while living beyond your means in order to impress someone might only be a race between promotion and collection agencies. Do your best to network sensibly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Some people may behave so irresponsibly that it could seem intentional. There might be issues pulling them in a dozen directions and stress cracks can be showing through. Offer assistance or forgiveness whenever possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Regardless of how hard you tried or your intention in a situation people may only remember if you broke your word or failed to honor a promise. Do your best to remain meticulous with oaths and prove your reliability.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — An attempt to bring everyone together could result in expenses you may not have planned for. Keep the bottom line and potential profits in mind before you throw more money at something that might not actually be a problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Regardless of how sensible you may intend your decisions to be if you fail to understand how it can impact others you could come off inconsiderate. Before you make a decision, consider the human consequences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If someone does not accept your idea or criticizes your work, do your best to avoid becoming disappointed. An opportunity or casual offer may offer something worthwhile that could help you fulfill your dreams.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — This is not the time to start spending winnings you might not have actually won yet. If the raise does not happen or the check does not arrive the bill could still show up. Until the check posts it is not fully yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — It can be easy to cast blame if the unexpected interrupts your precise planning, but it is wise to remember that some things may be outside your control. Forgive those who get caught up in changes when you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Throwing money you may not have at problems that you are unsure how to fix can be an unwise decision right now. Don't put yourself in debt. Take time to make an informed decision and find the best solution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Admitting you cannot do something could feel like weakness, but it's far better to be honest rather than try to explain a failure. Promising something you cannot deliver can only blemish your reputation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Take stock of your priorities and focus for now so you do not start your day staring at a larger pile than you can handle. Family issues could be distracting but you should have the energy and resources to make real progress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be feeling stretched to your limits right now. Short-lived tension or demands might create more than one headache. You could learn something that can help produce a lasting peace of mind later on.

No. 15 Louisville dominates Virginia Tech 34-3

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Isaac Guerendo had already shown flashes of his speed — flash being the operative word — stoking curiosity about what he could do with added responsibility.

The answer was a career rushing performance that earned No. 15 Louisville another impressive victory.

Guerendo rushed for career highs of 146 yards and three touchdowns, Jawhar Jordan and Jadon Thompson also scored and No. 15 Louisville shut down Virginia Tech in a 34-3 rout Saturday.

The showdown for second place steadily became a rout as the Cardinals (8-1, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference, No. 13 CFP) moved closer toward a berth in the conference championship in their first season under Jeff Brohm. Their relentless defense didn't allow a touchdown for the second consecutive week and held the Hokies (4-5, 3-2) to just 140 yards overall, creating chances that Guerendo quickly turned into scores.

The Wisconsin graduate transfer rushed for TDs of 39, 12 and 36 yards among 11 carries that included explosive runs of 27 and 20 yards.

Guerendo shot through big hole s each time, twice leapt over diving defenders on the way to the end zone and went airborne on one TD to key Louisville's run-based attack that totaled 231 of its 382 yards. A holding penalty nullified his 60-yard touchdown run that could have put it out of reach early, though he took care of that after halftime.

Considering Jordan was a game-time decision because of a nagging hamstring injury while receiver Jamari Thrash and cornerback Jarvis Brownlee sat out with injuries, the Cardinals needed everybody to fill voids.

"We had two key players out, and we were able to still get the job done," said Guerendo, who topped his previous career best of 114 yards on 12 carries against Maryland nearly a year ago. "So, I think that just goes to show we have a deep team. We have other players that can make plays."

Brohm added, "You don't want to tell the other team too much what's going on because there was some pivotal positions. So we tried to get them ready as fast as we could which really just meant rehabbing them and they didn't really practice."

Jordan rushed for the Cardinals' first TD from 1 yard on the way to finishing with 57 on 14 attempts. Thompson scored on a 37-yard reception to make it 21-3 midway through the third quarter as he hauled in a pinpoint throw from Jack Plummer across the middle, shook two defender who collided and was gone. It was the first Louisville TD for the junior Cincinnati transfer, who was among several Cardinals players that helped right a flipped vehicle after a Sept. 21 accident just outside their L&N Stadium home field.

John Love's 44-yard field goal as the first half ended got Tech on the scoreboard but there was little else against a Cardinals defense that entered the contest as the ACC's second best (303.4) with the Hokies next (316.0).

Three of the Hokies' first five possessions totaled negative yardage.

Louisville established its presence quickly, sacking mobile Tech quarterback Kyron Drones for a 10-yard loss on the first snap and dropped him three more times before he was pulled in the fourth quarter. He was 12 of 21 for just 69 yards and was intercepted once.

"Obviously very disappointed, not only with the score but the way we played," Virginia Tech coach Brent Pry said. "We are a better football team. They just played harder and more confident. We couldn't run the ball and got behind the sticks."

STINGY STRETCH

Louisville's 140 yards allowed marked a season low and the fifth consecutive game for the Cardinals defense held an opponent below 300. The run includes yielding just 201 at North Carolina State and 202 last week against Duke. Their lone loss came at Pitt, which gained 288 and struck a nerve with players.

"We basically looked each other in the eyes and said that's never going to happen again," safety Cam'Ron Kelly said. "When coach (defensive coordinator Ron) English came into this room, we had that talk, and everybody bought back in. We learned from that. Sometimes things have to get ugly before it gets beautiful, and it's going to get real beautiful, too."

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Louisville stays in the Top 15 rankings and could gain a spot after a dominant win.

THE TAKEAWAY

Virginia Tech: After exceeding 30 points in consecutive wins during a 3-1 stretch, the Hokies were denied in every phase by the Cardinals.

Louisville: A week after holding Duke to just 202 yards, the Cardinals clamped down harder and nastier on the Hokies. Besides harassing Drones, their special teams leveled returners several times and the offensive line allowed just one sack to a defense that posted 15 over the previous two contests.

UP NEXT

Louisville hosts Virginia on Thursday in its fourth midweek game this season.

Kentucky bowl-eligible after 24-3 win over Mississippi State

BY ROBBIE FAULK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Kentucky became bowl eligible by holding Mississippi State to 218 yards of offense in a 24-3 victory on Saturday night, beating the Bulldogs on the road for the first time since 2008.

It was the first time in the history of the series that the Bulldogs scored in the single digits against the Wildcats at home.

Mississippi State (4-5, 1-5 Southeastern Conference) continued a trend of poor performances on the offensive side of the ball since the loss of quarterback Will Rogers in the fourth quarter of the Western Michigan game on October 7. With Mike Wright at quarterback, the Bulldogs scored seven points in a win over Arkansas, 13 in a loss to Auburn and three points in three quarters of action against the Wildcats.

The only score of the game for MSU came on its third possession when the Bulldogs went 88 yards on an incredible 20-play drive that took 12:29 off the clock. Despite that long drive, MSU couldn't get in the end zone as the Wildcats held them to a 25-yard Kyle Ferrie field goal.

"With the way the clock rules are this year, possessions are down and plays are down and it magnifies the importance of redzone trips," coach Zach Arnett said. "Touchdown percentage in the red zone is critical."

Wright threw an interception that was returned 28 yards for a score by D'Eyrk Jackson and the Bulldogs trailed 14-3. The pick-6 was the fourth defensive touchdown of the season for the Wildcats.

Kentucky (6-3, 3-3) finished the game with just 271 yards of total offense. Devin Leary was 13-of-22 passing for 156 yards and two touchdowns. Tayvion Robinson had five catches for 91 yards. Ray Davis had 21 carries for 80 yards.

MSU played freshman Chris Parson in the fourth quarter, and he showed promise, but the Bulldogs couldn't score a touchdown. It was the second time in three games that MSU failed to hit double digits in points.

Wright was 11-of-21 passing for 78 yards with an interception. He rushed for 20 yards on 11 carries. The Bulldogs finished with 71 yards on 29 rushes.

Parson completed 6 of 14 passes for 67 yards but had minus-20 yards on four carries.

"I think he did a really nice job when he came in and pushed the ball down the field," Arnett said of Parson. "He was close to 100 yards passing and has some mobility to keep some plays alive. He got the ball out in time and made a couple of plays scrambling."

BIG PICTURE

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs continue to nosedive in the first season under Arnett. MSU is in danger of going winless at home in SEC play with a Battle of the Golden Egg date with No. 10 Ole Miss on Thanksgiving night its only remaining chance for a victory.

Kentucky: The Wildcats ended a road losing streak in the series with the Bulldogs. They're the first of the two teams to win on the road in the series since the Bulldogs won in 2014. UK had lost three straight entering the game.

UP NEXT

Kentucky hosts No. 8 Alabama on Saturday.

Indiana snaps 6-game Big Ten losing streak by beating Badgers 20-14

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — Coach Tom Allen kept telling his Indiana Hoosiers to ignore the critics and stick to the plan.

On Saturday, the payoff finally came.

Second-year quarterback Brendan Sorsby ran for one score, threw for another and led the Hoosiers to a long field goal on their final possession Saturday to snap a six-game conference losing streak with a 20-14 victory over Wisconsin.

"I just attribute it to the culture," Allen said. "They believe in what we're doing, and I think it's showed the way we played the last couple of weeks."

Things certainly didn't look promising for the Hoosiers (3-6, 1-5 Big Ten) until last week.

They entered Saturday with four straight losses and on the cusp of postseason elimination for the third straight year. They had the second-lowest scoring average (18.6 points) among Power Five schools and the Big Ten's worst run defense. They hadn't beaten Wisconsin (5-4, 3-3) at home since 2002.

But after last week's strong showing at No. 10 Penn State, Indiana finally raised the victory flag thanks to Sorsby and a defensive shutout over the final 25 minutes.

The loss prevented Wisconsin from becoming bowl eligible for the 22nd consecutive season and was as also a devastating blow to its Big Ten West title hopes.

"Nothing was sharp," first-year coach Luke Fickell said. "We can't dwell on the destination. We've got a long way to go. They've been through a lot the last year or two, and now we've got to dig deep."

Indiana won this offensive quagmire despite gaining only 36 yards and scoring just three points in the second half, courtesy of Chris Freeman's 50-yard field goal with 70 seconds to go.

Sorsby was 19 of 31 with 186 yards and squirted free for an 8-yard TD run for the game's first points. Former quarterback Donaven McCulley had five receptions for 67 yards including a spectacular one-handed, 7-yard TD grab late in the first half to give Indiana a 17-7 lead.

Those were all the points the Hoosiers needed.

Wisconsin quarterback Braedyn Locke hooked up with Bryson Green on a 54-yard TD pass in the first half and Locke capped the first drive of the second half with an 18-yard TD pass to Will Pauling to make it 17-14.

Locke was 21 of 41 with 243 yards while Pauling caught five passes for 51 yards. Green had four receptions for 96 yards.

"The offense scored just enough," Allen said. "Obviously, we didn't get enough production in the second half, but at the same time you're just trying to find a way to win a football game."

REMEMBERING KNIGHT

The Hoosiers honored three-time national championship coach Bob Knight with a moment of silence about 20 minutes before kickoff. Football players also wore an "RMK" helmet decal with three stars, one for each of Robert Montgomery Knight's national titles. Knight died Wednesday at age 83.

INJURY REPORT

Wisconsin: Mordecai dressed for the first time since breaking his hand but did not play. RB Braelon Allen and WR Chimere Dike also sat out and LB Jake Chaney hopped off the field in the third quarter after appearing to hurt his right leg.

Indiana: WR Cam Camper sat out with an undisclosed injury and WR Omar Cooper Jr. did not return after going to the locker room with a lower left leg injury in the first half.

BY THE NUMBERS

Wisconsin: Has lost three of its last four. ... Jackson Acker rushed 11 time for 40 yards and Cade Yacamelli had 10 carries for 48 yards. ... The Badgers had the only two turnovers of the game. ... Locke has now thrown at least 35 passes in three straight games without an interception.

Indiana: Aaron Casey had nine tackles, seven solos, four for loss with two sacks and a forced fumble. He also received a game ball. ... Indiana had nine pass breakups Saturday. ... Indiana has scored first in four straight games.

UP NEXT

Indiana visits border rival Illinois next Saturday.

Ex-college football staffer shared documents with Michigan

BY LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A former employee at a Big Ten football program said Monday it was his job to steal signs and he was given details from multiple league schools to compile a spreadsheet of play-calling signals used by Michigan last year.

The employee said he recently shared the documents, which showed the Wolverines' signs and corresponding plays — as well as screenshots of text-message exchanges with staffers at other Big Ten schools — with Michigan. He spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he feared the disclosures could impact his coaching career.

The spreadsheet was compiled with details from a handful of coaches and programs across the Big Ten, the person said. He also said gave the details to Michigan last week because he hoped it would help Jim Harbaugh's embattled program and he believes Harbaugh and his coaches are being unfairly blamed for the actions of a rogue staffer.

The alleged actions by conference schools potentially violate the Big Ten's sportsmanship policy, which could lead to punishment by the commissioner's office. Harbaugh's program also faces that possibility.

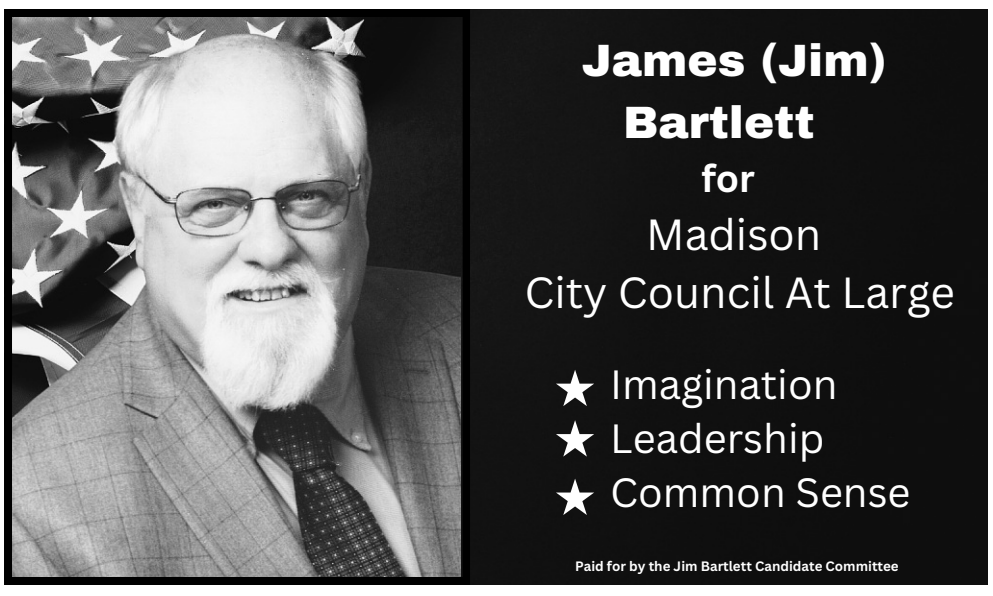
No. 2 Michigan (9-0, 6-0 Big Ten) is already the subject of an NCAA investigation into an alleged impermissible, in-person scouting and sign-stealing scheme. A former low-level staffer, Connor Stalions, allegedly attended and also sent people to opponents' games to record video that wasused to decode their in-game signals.

The scandal has loomed over Harbaugh's team as it chases a third straight conference championship and the school's first national title since 1997. Michigan plays at No. 9 Penn State on Saturday.

The NCAA doesn't outlaw sign-stealing, but it has rules against in-person scouting and some of the allegations against Michigan suggest an organized and well-funded approach. Harbaugh has denied any knowledge of the scheme and the school says it is cooperating with the NCAA.

Last week, Stalions resigned two weeks after he was suspended by Michigan. Stalions' attorney said his client did not want to be a distraction for the team.

Michigan shared the documents from the former Big Ten football program staffer and related content with the Big Ten on Friday, according to a person familiar with the situation speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to share the details.



LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
OUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 39D01-2310-DC-941

Mayra A. Sanchez
Petitioner
v.
Norman J. Matute-Flores
Respondent

Summons

The State of Indiana to Respondent: Norman J. Matute-Flores
You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above.
If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing. If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.
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BY JAY COHEN
AP BASEBALL WRITER

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs hired manager Craig Counsell away from Milwaukee on Monday in a surprising move, replacing David Ross after the team slipped out of a playoff spot in the last part of the season.

Two people with knowledge of the situation confirmed the move to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because there had been no announcement by the Cubs. The 53-year-old Counsell received a five-year contract worth more than $40 million in a massive deal for a big league manager.

There was no word on the status of Ross, a favorite of President of Baseball Operations Jed Hoyer. Ross could move into the front office after Craig Breslow departed Chicago to become the chief baseball officer for the Boston Red Sox.

Counsell, who grew up in Milwaukee before becoming the Brewers' winningest manager in franchise history, leaves his hometown team for its biggest rival.

Counsell led the budget-conscious Brewers to five playoff appearances in their last six years, including an NL Central title this season. His contract expired at the end of the season, making him one of the biggest managerial free agents in recent years.

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BULLINGTON

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attended Ball State and was MAC pitcher of the year in both 2001 and 2002. In 2001 he was chosen to pitch for the Team USA Collegiate National Team.

Upon leaving Ball State, Bullington held school records for most career wins (29), single season strikeouts (139), career strikeouts (357) and single season wins (11). He still holds the MAC conference record in career and single season strikeouts. In 2014 Bullington was inducted into the Ball State Hall of Fame and was inducted into the MAC Hall of Fame in 2020.

In the 2002 MLB Draft, Bullington was chosen as the first overall pick by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Since the start of the MLB draft in 1965, there have only been two number one overall picks from the state of Indiana.

His pro career lasted 13 seasons, spending the first eight between Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Toronto and Kansas City. His Major League career was highlighted by an 8-inning, 2-hit, shutout performance against the New York Yankees to earn his first big league win. On the minor league side, Bullington had a career record of 61-38 with a 3.68 ERA and 602 strikeouts.

Following the 2010 season, he signed a contract to play professional baseball in Japan. During his five seasons in Japan's NPB, with the Hiroshima Carp and Orix Buffaloes, he was 45-45 with a 3.25 ERA and 521 strikeouts.

Bullington continues to stay connected to the game of baseball, working as a scout for the Milwaukee Brewers and coaching his sons with the Cangelosi Sparks organization. He lives in the Chicago area with his wife, Lauren, and three children, Bella, Matt and Jack.

Bullington is the third Madison Cub to be inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame, joining Tommy Thevenow and Bullington's high school coach, Gary O'Neal.

The 2024 class will be honored on Jan. 19 at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet which is a part of the 3-day IHSBCA State Clinic. The banquet will be held at the Sheraton Keystone Crossing Indianapolis and will start at 7 p.m. The banquet is preceded by a social hour at 6 p.m. and a Red-Carpet show at 5 p.m. All events for the Hall of Fame will be held at the Sheraton.

Tickets are available for the banquet through the IHSBCA website, www.ihsbca.org. Questions regarding the event can be directed to Hall of Fame Chairman Jeff McKeon at 317-445-9899 or jmckeon@plainfield.k12.in.us.

HANOVER

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Jessie Stenger had 11 kills and four blocks, Casey Dunn had 20 digs and Maggie Schweitzer had 21 assists for Hanover.

The Panthers finished the regular season with a 20-7 overall record and 7-2 in the HCAC. Hanover will be the No. 3 seed in this week's HCAC tournament and host No. 6 seed Rose-Hulman (14-13, 4-5 HCAC) in the opening round on Wednesday with the winner playing No. 2 seeded Transylvania (23-6, 8-1 HCAC) on Saturday at yop-seeded Mount St. Joseph.

No. 5 seed Earlham (10-17,4-5 HCAC) will play at No 4 Manchester (16-8, 6-3) on Wednesday with the winner playing at Mount St. Joseph (23-1, 9-0) on Saturday. The championship game is Sunday at MSJ.

TITLE

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Hinegardner finished with four saves and the clean sheet while Stevens had six saves. Rainbolt was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Hanover (14-1-4) will now advance to the NCAA Division III National Tournament for the third time in the past four years. The tournament bracket announcement was Monday afternoon.

Hanover will be without Cook, but this year's senior class is the winningest in school history and Watts knows that they will be ready to play.

"We have a really veteran team and I think that really helped us this year. And we're gonna graduate a lot of really special players when the season's over but we're not done yet," Watts said. "I'm really excited about the young kids in the program as well and I think we're set up for future success. But this group still has some games to play."

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